Germany Cuts Rate As Neighbors Hope For Breathing Room

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank set the stage Thursday for a fresh economic the stage Thursday for a fresh economic stimulus in Europe by lowering the German discount rate by half a percentage point, to 5.25 percent, but it cantiously abstained from an immediate easing by leaving its most influential market rate unchanged.

The Bundesbank's move came amid growing wornes that the German economy, Furone's largest needs lower interest rates Europe's largest, needs lower interest rates to put recession behind it, and less than a month before the first in a series of pivotal

regional and federal elections. It also provided other countries in Europe a small degree of flexibility to cut their own national interest rates in an effort to bolster consumer and investment spending and shore up weak economies.

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Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria also cut interest rates after the Bundes-

The Paris Bourse, which keeps a wary eye on German rates, jumped in minutes from a loss to a gain on expectations of a French follow-through, which economists said might come soon. Bond prices also firmed and other European currencies gained against the Deutsche mark as German shares firmed in after-hours trading.

"By acting slightly earlier than many ex-pected, the Bundesbank is showing that it's somewhat worried about the economy and it. doesn't believe Rexrodt's forecast for slight-ly more than 1 percent growth this year," said Wike Groenenberg, an economist at Salomon Brothers in London, referring to Gilnter Records, the German economics

Earlier this week, Mr. Rexrodt said he did not expect the Bundesbank to cut interest rates for "months," but he praised the politically independent central bank Thursday and said its decision "supports a continued improvement of the economic climate in Germany and makes it easier for participants in the European exchange rate grid to cut their short-term interest rates."

Barney in Paris, said the Bundesbank's

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service

TOKYO — Under growing pressure at home to prevent the outbreak of a trade war with the

United States, Prime Minister Morihiro Ho-

sokawa on Thursday summoned the bureaucrats who headed up his failed negotiations in Washington and told them to compile a series

of market-opening initiatives that could placate

While the prime minister appeared to be taking the initiative, the proposals his govern-

ment is considering, from new government pro-

curement rules to import drives and measures to deregulate the Japanese economy, appear cobbled together from old proposals that the Clinton administration has rejected as insuffi-

The scurry to come up with some kind of plan however, marked a shift in Japan's strate-

Washington.

move "makes things a lot easier" in France, which has been waiting for the Bundes-bank's one. "They'll get their short-term

bank's cine. "They'll get their short-term interest rates down by one-half percentage point, like the Germans, probably by Tuesday," he said.

But economists said the Bundesbank's easing would only bring visible economic benefit if commercial banks shared their savings with customers. So far, in many countries, they have been slow to do so. "In France, Germany and Italy, banks aren't really passing on the full benefit," said Mr.

discount rate because consumer price infla-

The dollar fell against the mark despite the rate cut but rose against the yea. Page 12.

tion "is continuing to decline." In its February monthly report, details of which were released Wednesday, the Bundesbank said German prices had risen at an annualized rate of 2.5 percent over the last six months, excluding a rise in the gasoline tax at the eginning of the year.

The monthly report also concluded that the German economy is still in a trough. The recessionary tendencies have still not been fully overcome," it said. Among the main reasons it gave were sluggish consumer and investment spending, which are closely related to the cost of borrowing.

Unemployment figures for January were worse than expected, hitting a postwar high of 4 million.

The Bundesbank's decision to leave the rate on its influential securities repurchase igreements, or repos, unchanged at 6 percent, where it has stood since December, is a kind of hedge against developments on the foreign exchange and labor fronts, analysts

The Deutsche mark has fallen ever since the Federal Reserve's decision on Feb. 4 to raise U.S. interest rates. It has also been pressed by labor turnoil with Germany's biggest labor union, IG Metall, still negoti-

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But Steps He Seeks Appear to Be Old Ideas Already Rejected

Mr. Hosokawa's tough response to President

Bill Clinton last week is gradually eroding, as

the price tag for Japanese business mounts.

That is exactly the mix of confusion and fear

that Mr. Clinton's economic team has been

trying to sow since Tuesday, when the United

Europe is getting worried about being left out of the bouning Asian market. Page 4. • The United States' trade deficit with Japan surged

States initiated sanctions against Japan in a

cellular telephone dispute and sat back as the

yen soured. A high yen further squeezes the profits of Japanese companies, making their

exports less competitive.
In the minds of many Japanese officials, Mr.

Hosokawa has gone too far now to back down

on the central issue in the dispute, Japan's

to a record last year. Page 11.

Hosokawa Acts to Placate U.S. on Trade

Russians Steer Serbs to Pull Out UN Cites Major Removal of Heavy Guns Near Sarajevo

By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service
MOUNT TREBEVIC, Bosnia-Herzegovina Bosnian Serbs began withdrawing heavy weaponry from the snow-blanketed mountains around Sarajevo on Thursday in a sign that the forces that have besieged Bosnia's capital for 23 months are moving to comply with a NATO ultimatum to pull back their heavy guns or risk

The troop movements came as Vitali I. Churkin, the special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, delivered a letter to the Bosnian leader from President Boris N. Yeltsin and announced that Russia, a traditional ally of the Serbs, was ready to send 800 troops to Sarajevo to holster the UN peacekeeping operation there and its week-long cease-fire — the most successful since the

war began.

UN officials said they witnessed trucks pulling 155mm howitzers and tanks along with anti-aircraft heavy machine guns mounted on tractor-trailers plying a 120-kilometer (75-mile) long road that was built during the siege and hems the city in from the north.
Lieutenant General Michael Rose of Britain,

the commander of UN forces in Bosnia, released a statement quoting Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, as pledging to move the bulk of the heavy weaponry outside the 20 kilometer exclusion zone by early Friday. The Russian announcement, which caught UN officials in Bosnia by surprise, was made in exchange for a Bosnian Serb pledge to fulfill the terms of the NATO ultimatum. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization warned the Serbs that by midnight Sunday they would have to pull back their heavy guns from the center of

Sarajevo or put them under UN control to avoid attack by NATO jets. "We can say that any air strikes on Bosnian Serb positions are ruled out for the simple reasons that there will be no targets for their strikes to hit," Mr. Churkin said in Pale, the

headquarters of the Bosnian Serbs.

The Bosnian Serb pledge, combined with reports of significant weaponry moving down the mountains that loom over Sarajevo, indicated that after a week of prevarication and negotiation, the Serbs were ready to conform at least to the spirit, if not the letter, of the NATO

Emboldened by the overt show of Russian support, Mr. Karadzic said: "We do think the war in Sarajevo is finally over." The Russian proposal appears to have tipped

targets" for the performance of American

But over the past few days, Japan's plan for deflecting confrontation with the United States

has become clear. It is hinting at a return to the

bargaining table, while moving ahead "volun-tarily" on market openings in sectors of the Japanese economy in which the government has the most control. Mr. Hosokawa seems to

be betting that even modest progress will bring

"Hosokawa is in a very, very tight spot," one of his senior policy advisers said. "He is destitute of a good policy, business is beginning to

scream, and he's got to come up with something

The chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Take-

mura, said that the prime minister and his advisers "agreed that the ball is in Japan's

court." Mr. Takemura suggested that Mr. Ho-

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goods in the Japanese market.

an end to Mr. Clinton's threats.

procrastination. It provides the Serbs a dual package: much-desired security guarantees, in the form of 800 soldiers perceived to be an allied force, and an equally-important Balkans face-saving device. Thus the Serbs avoid responding directly to the NATO ultimatum, which they have tried to ignore since it was

Clinton says NATO is "dead serious" about air strikes. • In western Bosnia, a new campaign of violence. Page 2.

issued last Wednesday, and instead embrace the appeals of their Slav brothers. On a broader level, the re-emergence of Mr. Churkin, a Russian deputy foreign minister, as an important figure in the Bosnian peace pro-

ess parallels that of the U.S. special envoy, Charles Redman.

It was clear Thursday that Mr. Karadzic has placed his faith in Mr. Churkin to be an honest broker for the Serbs. Officials from the mostly

the Serbs toward compliance and away from procrastination. It provides the Serbs a dual successful attempts of the European Union to bring peace to Bosnia, have done the same with Mr. Redman, the former State Department spokesman who visited Sarajevo earlier this

> However, as with all the agreements that have bedeviled this conflict and raised unfounded hopes for peace in Bosnia, much re-mains to be confirmed about weapons movement and the issue of the exact meaning of UN "control." General Rose has provided several meanings for that word since the ultimatum

> stopwatch began ticking a week ago.
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> Following two meetings in one week with Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda of the United States, the NATO commander, General Rose issued his strongest definition yet of control, vowing Wednesday that Serbs would have to fight to retrieve their guns

> 'We're a little confused," said Radomir Kuiondzic, a 50-year-old gunner who was manning an empty artillery site high above Sarajevo on

and now they say everything must go."

Minutes before, two transport trucks had pulled two 155mm howitzers from their posi-tions, through a swirling snowstorm. A huge pile of freshly cut pine clippings, empty ammu-nition boxes and the blackened indentation of the artillery in the mud and snow were all that

remained of the guns.
In Sarajevo, UN spokesmen said they believed the Serbian pullback had begun in ear-

"We are seeing very significant withdrawal of Bosnian Serb forces off the hills around Sarajevo,' said Lieutenant Colonel William Aikman Canada, spokesman for the UN Protection Force in Sarajevo. He said previous reports of UN military observers had spoken of individ-ual pieces of equipment "but today they are talking about convoys of equipment moving off

However, several UN military observers -See SERBS, Page 4



OLYMPIC (X) PODIUM

Wasmeier Edges Moe, Aamodt 3d in Super-G

Markus Wasmeier won Germany's first Olympic Alpine ski medal for men since 1936, beating out the downhill champion Tommy Moe of the United States by eight-hundredths of a second in the super-giant slalom.

"Now, my happiness is complete," said the 30-year-old Wasmeier.

Moe, who was celebrating his 24th birthday, had to brake suddenly to avoid missing a gate near the bottom, but became the first American man to win more than one Alpine skiing medal at a single Olympics.

Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway was third in 1:32.93, adding a bronze to the silver he won in the downhill.

Egorova Nears Record

Lyubov Egorova of Russia moved within one gold medal of the all-time Winter Olympics record as she skied to a 8.3-second victory over Manuela Di Centa of Italy in the women's 10-kilometer cross-country freestyle pursuit. Stefania Belmondo of Italy was third.

Egorova and Di Centa also became the first triple medalists in these Olym-

 Bjorn Daehlie of Norway held off Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan to win the men's 10-kilometer cross-country race for his second medal of the Games, with Marco Albarello of Italy third. Smirnov, who won five of six races on the World Cup circuit coming into Lillehammer, is still looking for his first individual Olympic gold med-

Niemann Falls in 3,000 Svetlana Bazhanova of Russia was the

surprise winner in the women's 3,000meter speed-skating race after the heavy favorite, Gunda Niemann of Germany, fell at nearly the same spot Dan Jansen of the United States stumbled in Monday's men's 500. Emese Hunyady of Austria finished second, Claudia Pechstein of Germany was

Swedes, Slovaks Win

Sweden used its high-powered offense to rout France, 7-1, Thursday and clinch a quarterfinal berth in the hockey tournament. Slovakia, with a 10-4 rout of Italy, remained unbeaten in its first Olympic tournament since gaining independence. It scored six goals in the first 14 minutes.

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In Nod to Israel, Syria Agrees to a Visit

gy, indicating that the broad initial support for refusal to commit to some kind of "numerical

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM - Syria has agreed to an unprecedented visit from an Arab member of Israel's parliament, two days after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said that such a visit would be a signal of change in Syria's attitude

Abdul Wahab Darawshe, who heads the Arab Democratic Party with two seats in the Israeli Knesset, said Syria had approved a visit by him to express condolences from Israeli Arabs to President Hafez Assad on the recent

Mr. Darawshe, a prominent spokesman for Arab crizzens of Israel, said the visit, while eremonial, marks the first time that Syria has

tially decomposed body, which had a gun-

agreed to accept an official visit from Israeli

The only previous visits have been by members of the pro-Syrian Druze community on the Golan Heights, many of whom never accepted Israeli crizenship after Israel seized the Heights

On Tuesday, Mr. Rabin, in a television interview, reiterated his long-standing complaint that Syria "is not doing what is necessary in order to truthfully demonstrate to the Israeli people that it has genuinely turned toward

"I will give a small example," he said, "Darawshe wanted to go to Syria with a group of Israeli Arabs to express condolences to President Assad on the death of his son." Mr. Assad, he added, "did not respond positively."

"I think that if the Syrian government had answered positively, it would have been an expression of change in the attitude to Israel. even if the Israelis concerned were not Jewish." "Darawshe was elected as a Knesset member,

he represents the Knesset," Mr. Rabin said. "I think that Syria must do much more, both from the point of view of the level at which the negotiations are conducted, as well as that of demonstrating their shift toward peace with the Israeli people, apart from what is needed for the negotiations themselves."

Mr. Rabin said he did not expect that Mr. Assad would dare to do what Anwar Sadat, the late Egyptian president, did, and visit Jerusa-lem, "but there is still much more to be done in order to demonstrate the Syrian government's desire for peace."

Israel and Syria are engaged in bilateral talks in Washington, but Syria has rebuffed Israel's appeals to raise the level of the talks, or to conduct them through a secret channel.

Mr. Darawshe said the visit was not to conduct diplomacy and was not intended to advance the peace talks. He said it was arranged through the Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Monssa, and Egypt's ambassador to Israel.

Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan passing each other during practice Thursday.

Stolen 'Scream': An Anti-Abortion Ploy?

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

LILLEHAMMER. Norway — Norwegian anti-abortion activists hinted Thursday that they were involved in stealing Edvard Munch's masterpiece "The Scream" and asserted that the painting would be returned if state television showed a film that depicts abortion as

murder. Boerre Knudsen, a former minister known for his theatrical protests against Scandinavia's liberal abortion laws, said the painting "might

surface again" if Norwegian state television would broadcast "The Silent Scream," which shows a ferus being sucked from a womb.

A spokesman for Norwegian television said the network had not received a demand to show the film. He said it would be "out of the question" to run the film under such condi-

Mr. Knudsen has been a leading crusader among a small but vocal minority that is fighting to overturn Norway's abortion laws. Women here are permitted to have abortions until

the 12th week of pregnancy, and the state pays the medical costs.

Mr. Knudsen refrained from claiming responsibility for the theft or having direct knowledge of who might have committed the crime. The police said they were studying his

"We simply can't be too open about this," Mr. Knudsen said in a radio interview. "We have sent a signal and we want this signal to be

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By William Booth

MIAMI - After seeing their state lead the nation in news of tourist slayings. Florida lawmakers are responding with get-tough proposals that include eastrating rapists, executing 14year-old murderers and making it illegal for criminals to

The proposals were made as sentiment grows across the country that something must be done about violent crime even if it requires extraordinary steps. Congress, the administration and lawmakers in 30 states are calling for longer, tougher sentences, including provisions to imprison repeat

dreams of balmy beaches have been replaced by images of sociopathic teens with 9mm semiautomatics — Florida legisla-

And so are the residents, who increasingly speak of lear, anger and the desire for vengeance, following a string of minders of foreign visitors.

"We are in a state of war and in a war, some unpleasant things need to be done, some radical things," said Mario Diaz-Balart, a Republican state senator.

According to a Mason Dixon Florida Poll earlier this month. more than 90 percent of Florida voters said they considered the state "very dangerous" or "somewhat dangerous." They agreed children as young as 13 should be tried as adults and, if found

Among the more radical proposals that Mr. Diaz-Balart supports is a bill that calls for castrating rapists who are convicted twice of the crime. While it is still impossible to gauge the bill's chances for passage this early in the session, people start clapping."

"Call it what you want, it's good policy," said state Senator Robert Wexler, a Democrat and lawyer from Boca Raton, who introduced the legislation.

While he is undecided about the method that should be used to castrate rapists, he said, he is leaning away from surgery in

overturned similar measures.

Another Florida proposal would make it illegal for career criminals to sue the state for cruel and unusual punishment. "I think what we're seeing is a society that is tired of being frightened," said state Senator Mark Foley, a Republican from West Palm Beach. "When I talk about death penalty now,

Kiosk Ex-Georgian Leader's Body Found

shot wound through the head. It was the first confirmation that Mr. Gamsakhurdia was SENAKI, Georgia (Reuters) — Georgia confirmed the death of its ousted president, Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia, saying his body was dug up on Thursday from a grave in western Georgia for reburial in Russia. dead. His widow amounced early this year that he had committed snicide. A joint commission from Georgia and Russia's Chechnya region identified the par-

Mr. Gamsakhurdia, who had lived in exile in Chechnya since being overthrown in Jan-uary 1992, waged an unsuccessful campaign to return to power last autumn

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Tourism-Conscious Florida Goes All Out Against Crime tors are positively consumed by the issue of violent crime. at least 12 of the 40 senators have signed on as co-sponsors.

Washington Past Service

complain about unusual punishment.

offenders for life without parole. But in the country's No. I tourist destination - where guilty of capital crimes, executed.

favor of "chemical castration." using drugs to decrease sexual desire and suppress hormones. State supreme courts in California and South Carolina have



Two Sarajevo residents on Thursday carrying sacks of waste paper that they will burn for heat as temperatures fall in the ravaged city.

Clinton Says Allies Are 'Dead Serious' About Air Strikes

Compiled by Qur Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton said Thursday that NATO was "dead serious" about launching air strikes if Bosnian Serbs defied a UN ultimatum, and the White House said its objective keep the promise. remained the same despite a lastminute Russian peacekeeping ef-

U.S. officials welcomed a reportaround Sarajevo as "a positive step" and Mr. Clinton made clear that he hoped air strikes would not

But the president and his aides were surprised by a Russian announcement that it was sending Atlantic Treaty Organization was 400 peacekeeping troops from its standing firmly by its ultimatum. United Nations contingent in Croand to help oversee the Bosnian Serb withdrawal of artillery.

"This in no way changes the ing "NA NATO objective," the White for real. House spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers, said of the Russian move. "We weren't notified in ad-

sians said they would do what they could to get the Serbs to comply. France reacted warily to the pledge by the Bosnian Serbs to pull back, warning them that they still face NATO air strikes unless they

Foreign Minister Alam Juppe was informed by his Russian coun-terpart, Andrei V. Kozyrev, of the Serbs' agreement to withdraw their ed Bosnian Serbian pledge to with-draw their heavy weapons from Foreign Ministry spokesman, said. "We are waiting for this news to be confirmed and translated into action on the ground," Mr. Duque

> Unidentified alliance sources in Brussels told Reuters that the North

The message we want to get out is that the pressure will not be lifted," the source was quoted as saying. "NATO will wait and see if it is

We want to make sure there is full compliance A NATO ultimatum for ending

the siege of the Muslim-controlled Bosnian capital expires at midnight GMT Sunday. A Pentagon spokeswoman, Kath-leen del aski, said there were still

many weapons not under UN control. She would not say how many because of a UN request not to divulge numbers. "We are encouraged, but we em-

phasize that we have a long way to go," she said. "We believe the Serbs and the Muslims can still meet the deadline and we urge them to do

Mr. Clinton told reporters: "The most important thing now is that the Serbs and the others in Bosnia understand that the NATO allies are dead serious about carrying this out, but that if the Serbs will move their weapons or put them under United Nations control, there will be no air strikes '

Underscoring the seriousness of the threat, Defense Secretary William J. Perry will join defense ministers of four other countries involved. in NATO air operations in Bosnia - Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands — Sunday at Italy's Aviano air base.

The Pentagon said Mr. Perry would be accompanied by General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Clinton said that what the allies are striving for is a permanent peace agreement to end the 22month civil war in Bosnia among warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims He said he believed he had laid sufficient psychological groundwork to prepare the American peo-ple for the possibility that U.S. forces might be involved in aerial

combat soon but added: "I'll contin-ne to talk about it as we get closer." people, I think, understand what is at stake here, and understand our interest in not permitting Sarajevo to be shelled and hundreds of thousands of people's lives to be destroyed and working for a peaceful

"I have not committed ground troops to this conflict. I have said that we would participate in NATO air strikes, and I think it is the right

Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, NA-TO's southern European commander, said the UN planned to place more NATO-trained forward air controllers on the ground in Sarajevo to keep air strikes on target. They could also direct any strikes against forces retaliating against UN peace-keepers on the ground.

In Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, U.S. General George A. Joulwan, NATO's supreme commander in Europe, said Thursday that the Western alliance and UN had agreed in defining what "control" of Serbian guns around Sarajevo means.

"We are in agreement over the definition of control," General Joulwan, who is also commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe, said after talks with Yasushi Akashi, the

UN envoy in Zagreb. Mr. Akashi must give his final assent before NATO launches any strikes against targets in Bosnia.

Differences were reported to have emerged between NATO and UN peacekeepers in Sarajevo over ways of controlling or withdrawing the Serbian weapons. But General Joul-wan and Mr. Akashi said NATO and the UN had no disagreements about the terms of the air strike

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WORLD BRIEFS

Bogotá and Rebels Agree to Talks

BOGOTA (NYT) — In what may signal a new era of peace in the violent city of Medellin, the government and about 400 urban rebels have signed an agreement that could lead to a peace accord. The pact calls on the rebels to give up their arms. At the same time, the

The part calls on the recess to give up their artis. At the same time, the government has promised to negotiate social and political benefits for the rebels and to guarantee their security while a peace part is worked out. For the past 10 years, Medellin has been the scene of violence as the Medellin drug cartel fought its enemies and the police, and gangs took over entire neighborhoods in the city's poverty-spicken footbills. Several years ago, rebel militias, many backed by leftist guerrilla factions, added to the violence by forming armed commando units that pledged to fight social and economic injustice and eliminate the gaugs.

Separatist Chief Slain in Kashmir

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian troops killed a leading Muslim separatist guerrilla in Kashmir, triggering a protest strike in parts of the state, the

Press Trust of India reported Thursday. Ten others, including four suspected Muslim militants and an army soldier, died and 21 were wounded in separate clashes in the previous 24

hours, the news agency said.

Kashmiri Mushims staged a general strike Thursday after the slaying of Abdul Rashid Islahi, a provincial commander of the outlawed Herbul Mujahidin group, in Doda district on Wednesday, the news agency said. Indian officials said Mr. Islahi was wanted for more than two dozen

Senegal Bans Militant Muslim Group
DAKAR, Senegal (Reuters) — Senegal banned a radical Islamic
movement on Thursday after five policemen and a civilian were killed in nots in the West African capital.

Thousands of armed demonstrators, some of them Islamic militants, joined a rally Wednesday protesting poverty and the policies of President
Abdou Diouf. Dakar newspapers said the rally turned violent after a fiery
and unscheduled speech by a leader of the Islamic militants.

The government banned a Muslim group called Moustarchidina wal Moustarchidati, which translates as Men and Women Who Fight for the

Khmer Rouge Flee Cambodia Assault

ANLONG VENG, Cambodia (Renters) - Khmer Rouge defenders of this northern base fled with such haste to escape a government army assault that their one-legged commander, Ta Mok, left behind his

The capture of Anlong Veng has been hailed as the government's most important military success since the UN-organized elections in May, General Long Sopheap said Thursday. More than 3,000 government soldiers now occupy the Khmer Rouge base, a former district seat 310 kilometers north of Phnom Penh.

It is not only a big victory for our royal Cambodian armed forces out it is also a victory for the international community which has helped us."

General Sopheap said. He said 135 Khmer Rouge were killed, 149 wounded and five captured. He added that 645 weapons had been captured along with 102 tons of ammunition. Ta Mok's artificial leg will be put on display in Phnom Penh.

For the Record

An Iraqi diplomat arrived in Tehran on Thursday on the highest-level Iraqi visit to Iran since the Gulf War, the official Iranian press agency, IRNA, said. Saad Abdul Majeed Faisal, senior undersecretary at the Foreign Ministry, is to hold talks on the face of the remaining prisoners of war from the Iran-Iraq war that ended in 1988. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Group Lists Risk Areas for Air Travel

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - An airline passenger group Wednesday identified several regions of the world it viewed as "dangerous" and urged air travelers to try to avoid them.

The International Airline Passengers Association listed China, South Korea, India, all nations in Central Africa and the former Soviet states as areas to avoid. In South America, it cited regional flights through the Andes and flights into; out of and within Colombia. The group said the danger criterial included accidents, quality of air control, hijackings and airport and airline safety and security.

David Stempler, executive director of the association's Western Hemisphere office, said the list was published so the group's members could make informed decision on where to travel. Most members live in areas where air traffic is very safe and may not realize the risks they face in other areas, he said.

Shots were fired at a Nile cruise boat carrying 17 tourists in southern Egypt, security sources said Thursday, but nobody was hurt. The Cairo government denied in a statement that the shooting constituted an attack, attributing it to farmers.

A Los Angeles cruise firm was fined for dumping trash in the Gulf of Alaska, The U.S. Coast Guard fined Princess Cruises \$25,000. (Reuters) In an effort to combat crame in the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix's largest retailers are taking toy guns off their shelves. The toy weapons include BB guns, pellet guns and water guns.

(AP)

Satellite Navigation Net Takes Off for Airline Use

WASHINGTON — A new navigation system using 24 satellites tells a pilot within inches where his plane is, often making it possible to land in poor weather instead of being diverted to other airports. The Global Positioning System, developed by the Defense Department, is now available for civilian use, David Hinson, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Thursday.

Continental Airlines is already using the system for landings at Appen, Colorado. It has made 158 landings there that would have had to be diverted because of weather or definer.

had to be diverted because of weather or darkness.

The positioning system's 24 satellites, circling the world at an altitude of 11,000 miles (17,600 kilometers), send and receive signals from locators aboard aircraft. By measuring how long it takes the radio signal to travel to a

satellite and back, the system can tell a pilot how far he is from that satellite. The system and ground equipment can fix the position of a plane within inches by comparing signal time from four satellites. Companies other than commercial airlines use the system. United Parcel Service, for example, is installing satellite equipment for use in its trucks and aircraft. Some antomobile manufacturers have aunounced plans to offer the locators. And trucking firms also are Using the system will allow simplanes to take more direct routes

osing the system will allow applanes to take more direct routes and to fly closer together, Mr. Hinson said, which could result in savings of hundreds of millions of dollars in fael alone each year. He added that the United States is making good on a promise of former President Ronald Reagan to make the technology available to the rest of the world. Mr. Reagan made the offer in 1983 after Korean Artines Flight 007 went off course and was shot down over the Soniet Union.

In Bosnian West, Tales of New Serbian Atrocities

By Chuck Sudetic

BELGRADE - A new Serbian campaign of violence and intimidation is uprooting Muslims and Croats and forcing them from their homes in western Bosnia, United Nations officials and refugees say.

The officials and refugees, who arrived recently at a camp near the Croatian village of Gasinci, said that Bosnian Serbs in Banja Luka, where they are in the majority, were paying local Serbian civilian and military police to force Muslims and Croats to abandon their homes so they could take over their property.

The tactics include murder, beatings, bombings, rape and threats of rape, members of the group said. Local Serbian officials have also pressed several thousand Muslim men into work brigades, forcing them to dig front-line trenches, chop wood in mine fields and carry ammunition for the Bosnian Serbian forces. "This is criminality on a huge scale," said Louis Gentile,

former head of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Banja Luka, western Bosnia's largest town. Serbian nationalists seized control of the town even before Bosnian Serbian militias began the military cam-paign against the Muslim-led Bosnian government in April 1992.

"It's absolutely sanctioned by local leaders," Mr. Gen-

tile said. "It's very well organized, and they try to keep it well hidden."

"On Jan. 31, I had a 13-year-old girl come into my office who had been raped by two men in uniform," Mr. Gentile said by telephone from Toronto. "Her father was so badly beaten that he didn't look human anymore. His hands were swollen up like giant clubs."

UN officials said that they could not give a precise estimate of the number of Muslims and Croats who had fled the Banja Luka region in recent weeks but that it was clearly in the hundreds. They estimated that 59,000 people, the overwhelming majority of them Muslims, remain

Mr. Gentile, who just completed his assignment in Banja Luka, said he was worried about what was happening there now that the United Nations has pulled out and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is threatening air strikes to end the Serbian siege of Sarajevo, 145 kilometers (90 miles) southeast.

"Members of the minority communities always said that the United Nations presence in Banja Luka was a deterrent against the worst," he said. "With no one watching, God knows what the Serbs will do. And they blame the Muslims for everything."

Although the town of Banja Luka has long had a Serbian majority, many of the surrounding towns were ago. "People are being killed in front of their houses."

predominantly Muslim before the Serbian "ethnic cleansing" campaign began in May 1992. Early in the war, tens of thousands of Muslims and Croats were driven from their homes in western Bosnia and herded into concentration camps before Red Cross officials negotiated their

"Things have been getting progressively worse despite our protests," said Georgios Karatzoglu, a UN aid worker who left Banja Luka on Saturday with the last of the UN staff members there. Mr. Karatzoglu said that at least a half-dozen people

had been slain by Bosnian Serbs in the Banja Luka area in the last month, and that two Muslim women had been raped last week in nearby Prijedor.
"They don't want to kill people wholesale," the UN

official said. 'They use one or two murders as an example in each place so people decide to flee." Mr. Karatzoglu said the local Serb-run Red Cross in Banja Luka, which has acted for months as an agency to

nd the area of non-Serbs, was regularly organizing bus convoys that take 150 to 200 people a time to the front lines near the central Bosnian town of Travnik. Mr. Karatzoglu said each refugee paid about \$120 for

"People are disappearing at night," said a Muslim store clerk who arrived in Gasinci from Banja Luka two weeks

Croats Ignore Warning on Bosnia Troops, UN Says

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service ZAGREB, Croatia - United Nations observers in Zagreb said Thursday that Croatia appeared to have made little effort to withdraw its regular army troops from neighboring Bosnia, despite a sharp UN warning two weeks ago to start pulling them out or run the risk of possible economic sanctions.

A senior United Nations official at the headquarters of the UN Protection Force for former Yugoslavia said that rather than withdrawing from Bosnia, regular Croatian soldiers may be deliberately masking their presence by stripping unit insignias from vehicles and uniforms, in order to appear to be irregular members of the Bosnian Cro-

While the weight of UN and international action in recent days has focused on the threat of air strikes against Serbian gunners besieging Sarajevo, the United Nations findings may mark the first step in what could be a much tougher international posture toward

atian forces from Bosnia.

At the United Nations in New York. Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali told the Security Council an estimated 5,000 regular Croatian Army troops might still be in Bosnia, Reuters reported. In a letter to the Security Council he said that the UN force in the former Yugoslavia had given him the

Depending on the reaction to that report, the United Nations could begin to take steps to enforce measures against Croatia, including economic sanctions like those that were imposed on Serbia for its direct involvement

in the fighting in Bosnia. According to UN officials in Zagreb, the Croats have sent the estimated 5,000 troops

On Feb. 3, the UN Security Council issued in central Bosnia. The Bosnian government a sharply worded resolution condemning the presence of regular Croatian troops in Bos-Croats of mounting an all-out invasion with atia was engaged in activities in Bosnia that

regular Croatian Army units operating inside Bosnia, although the troops are not operating as part of full Croatian brigades or directly under the control of Croatian com-

Although the Croatian government has acknowledged only that it has sent "volunteers" to fight on the side of Bosnian Croats, Foreign Minister Mate Granic of Croatia did offer last weekend to withdraw troops from border areas in Bosnia in exchange for UN guarantees for Croatian civilians caught in central Bosnia. The proposal was limited to

areas near Mostar. The United States has been especially critical of Croatian military involvement in Bosnia, a point that has been underscored repeatedly by Peter W. Galbraith, the U.S. locked in a struggle over the multiethnic across the border to aid their Croatian brethren in battling the Muslim-led Bosnian Army ambassador to Croatia.

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complete and full withdrawal" of the Croline and requesting a report to the secretarygeneral by Thursday on "progress toward the
Cacording to the senior UN official in
Zagreb, UN observers have identified Croging coldier belonging to sight different "How can Croatia expect the international

community to support its demand for Serb withdrawal from Croatia, when its army is in the sovereign state of Bosnia and Herzegovi-na?" Mr. Galbraith asked.

About 30 percent of Croatian territory is presently occupied by Serbian-backed troops, as a result of fighting between Serbia and Croatia after the Yugoslav Federation broke up in 1991.

Until now, the government of President Franjo Tudjman has been under intense domestic pressure within Croatia to offer support to their Bosnian brethren. Croats make

Greece-Macedonia Frontier Slams Shut

Greece argues that Macedonia which holds the bloc's six-month

ATHENS - Border guards closed the frontier with Macedonia to most goods Thursday, beginning Greece's escalated campaign to press the former Yugoslav republic

Customs officials at Salonika, Greece's second-largest port. barred five cargo ships from loading or unloading goods during the

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day, the Greek-run Macedonian has designs on its nonthern prov-retating presidency, did not inform ince, which also is called Macedo-fellow members before the an-Press Agency reported. It also said no trucks had crossed

Officials in Salonika said they changed were awaiting instructions from the Maced

become clear that oil supplies are the main target of the embargo. Angered by Western diplomatic recognition for Macedonia, Greece announced Wednesday that it was

neighbor's main trade route. The action by Greece, a member of the European Union, drew a sharp response Thursday from EU headquarters in Brussels, where officials said Athens may have acted over poor roads.

illegally by closing an external EU border without consulting its 11 partners.

nia, and says these claims are rethe border 70 kilometers (40 miles) flected in Macedonia's name and north into the neighboring repub- other symbols, which Athens says

Finance Ministry in Athens on has no claims on northern Greece, which goods could pass. But it has which was split off from a broader

through Salonica.

Alternative routes through Albania and Bulgaria are longer and

The commission reserved a formal position until after a Friday meeting of the foreign ministers of Belgium, Greece and Germany. Privately, officials suggested that Greece acted illegally. A single EU state "cannot close off an external

Many EU members were aiready irritated over pressure Greece had exerted to block diplomatic recognition of Macedonia.

The United States recognized it last

Slovak Assembly Split on Election

vakia's parliament was plunged into disarray Thursday after the government and opposition failed in attempts to call early elections.

The National Council on

sition ranks.

in November rather than June so that the vote would coincide with local polls. But Mr. Meciar said he suspected his bid for June was defeated simply because the opposi-Six EU countries angered Greece tion wanted more time to work out in recent months by extending dip-iomatic recognition to Macedonia. their divided ranks. The combined cognized it last opposition now musters 83 of the (AP, Reuters) 150 votes in the council.

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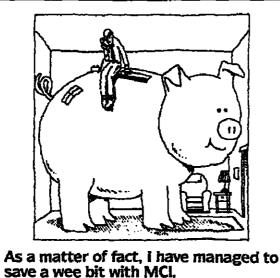
Wednesday voted down Prime Minister Vladimir Median's call for June elections, two years ahead of schedule. His opponents said they planned a no-confidence vote against him, after they failed Thursday to set elections for November, highlighting splits in oppo-

Opposition deputies had said they wanted fresh general elections

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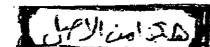
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Macedonia's government says it Macedonian region during two wars early this century. It accused Greece of resorting to biackmail in their dispute.

Apostolos Yennitsaris, president

announced wednesday that it was closing its consulate in the Macedonian capital. Skopje, and cutting off its landlocked northern neighbor's main trade route.

Apostoros Ferminsaris, president of the Salonica Port Organization, said the loading and unloading of all ships with goods headed to and from Macedonia had stopped. He said all of Macedonia's fuel passed

The closing of the border with Macedonia is likely to lead to further friction with the EU. Greece,

nouncement Wednesday

"It is not good for the European construction and it is not good for the family spirit," a spokesman for European Commission said in Brussels, "We will ask for clarifica-

border of the union." said a Belgian diplomat. "Only the EU Council of Ministers can do that."

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Harried U.S. to Charge Asylum Seekers \$130

WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service has decided to charge people seeking political asylum a \$130 fee and delay issuing them work permits for 150 days in an effort to deter new applicants and cut the immense backlog of asylum claims, the

agency's deputy commissioner has said.

The fees would make the United States the only nation in the world to seek an application fee from people who contend they are fleeing persecution in their homelands, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugers.

The deputy immigration commissioner, Chris Sale, said current

asylum procedures, which generally make it easy for immigrants to apply for asylum but place them in a legal no-man's-land awaiting hearings, were "encouraging people to abuse the system."

Meanwhile, the long delays in the system are "damaging the bona fide candidates" for protection under the asylum laws, Ms. Sale said.

The fledding asylum come now force a backing of 364,000

The fledgling asylum corps now faces a backlog of 364,000 pending asylum applications.

Legislator Thumbs His Nose at Term Limits

SACRAMENTO, California - When Californians voted in 1990 to limit the terms of their state legislators, one goal was to rid the government of the familiar faces who had been running things for

The most prominent, and most powerful, target was the speaker of the assembly. Willie L. Brown Jr., a 30-year member who has held the leadership job longer than anyone in state history. But Mr. Brown vows not to leave quietly when his time comes, in

November 1996. Instead he is considering running for what will be a vacant state Senate seat from his base of San Francisco.

If elected, he may seek the Senate presidency with support from many of his assembly allies, who also hope to run for the Senate because of term limits.

"If I am elected to the Senate," Mr. Brown said, "I will not be a lame duck until the end of the century." By then, he added, he hopes that term limits will have been repealed. Assembly members can now have three two-year terms and senators and most state officeholders are restricted to two four-year terms.

Clinton Caught on Health Care Hyperbole

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton oversold his health care plan to an audience of senior citizens, saying it was the only proposal to provide prescriptions for the elderly and other benefits.

"There are a few major plans before the Congress now," Mr. "There are a few major plans before the Congress now," Mr. Clinton said in a speech in Edison, New Jersey, on Wednesday. "Only one of them proposes to keep Medicare strong and makes it stronger; that's our proposal. Only one of them deals with long-term care and prescription drugs for the elderly — our proposal."

Not so fast, said Senator Paul Wellstone, a Minnesota Democrat who sponsored one of the other plans that Mr. Clinton referred to. Mr. Wellstone's bill also provides for long-term care and covers the cost of prescription drugs for senior citizens.

cost of prescription drugs for senior citizens.

Mr. Clinton later said that he was wrong and that Mr. Wellstone's legislation does cover long-term care and prescriptions, a White

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The first electronic mail communication between two heads of government began with a message from Prime Minister Carl Bildt of Sweden to President Clinton: It ran, in part: "Dear Bill, Apart from testing this connection on the global internet system, I want to congratulate you on your decision to end the trade embargo on

Clintons' Arkansas Deals to Get Grand Jury Scrutiny

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - Robert B. Fiske Jr., the independent counsel investigating the real estate investments of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, has obtained an order to convene a special grand jury devoted solely to that case.

U.S. District Judge Stephen M. Reasoner ruled that a northwestern Arkansas real estate development prosuch a grand jury should be impaneled because the jert known as the Whitewater Development Co.

Among other things. Mr. Fiske is trying to detercontinue long enough to hear the evidence in the

Clintons' case. The move underscores the considerable scope and length of the inquiry that the special counsel is prepar-

"The investigation is anticipated to involve more than 1 million documents, 200 to 300 interviews and over 20 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other assistants," Judge Reasoner said in his order late Wednesday. "As such, the duties of any grand jury investigating this matter are much more extensive than the court had previously envisioned." Although Mr. Fiske has declined to estimate how

long his investigation will last, he said in a brief phone interview that he has rented an apartment in Little Rock for a year and expects to be linished by the \$35,000 a year and his wife's salary as a lauyer was

investigation was concerned.

month by Attorney General Janet Reno and assigned to examine the investment President and Mrs. Clinton made as partners with James and Susan McDougal in

mine whether the Clintons paid the appropriate taxes on their income from the project, whether federally guaranteed money from a savings and loan owned by Mr. McDougal was used for the project or found its way into Mr. Clinton's political campaign coffers, and whether Mr. Clinton used his position as governor of Arkansas to benefit Mr. McDougal or Whitewater. President Clinton said Thursday that he had lost

money in the Whitewater venture over a long period of time, characterizing it as a "simple straightforward thing" that would not turn into a Watergate-style scandal

The president was asked in a radio interview how he had managed to lose \$69,000 in Whitewater while he was Arkansas governor, when his salary was just

time his lease is up. He said the three-year lease on his \$55,000.

new offices here had been negotiated by the govern
"Because we lost it over a long period of time," he

bank loans back with interest, and we never got any take sworn testimony from the Clintons, and prosecu-Mr. Fiske, a New York lawyer, was appointed last money on the interest, so it happened over a long tors from his office are certain to be interviewing other period of time."

In addition to Whitewater, the Fiske investigation will look into the question of whether Mrs. Clinton and her law firm violated any conflict-of-interest rules by first representing Mr. McDougal's savings and loan and later acting on behalf of the government after the inrili collapsed, leaving the taxpayers with a \$47 million debt.

Mr. Fiske said he expected that the new 23-member grand jury would sit more than the usual two or three days a month to examine evidence, take testimony and the Clintons' who committed suicide last July. decide whether to indica people. The first step the grand jury is expected to take will be to issue subpochas to important witnesses.

Mr. McDougal's firm, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, was taken over by government regulators in

Mr. Fiske and his staff will be investigating, among other things, whether Mr. McDougal's savings and loan improperly funneled money into Whitewater, a 230-acre (93-hectare) vacation home development along the White River in northern Arkansas, or into Mr. Cimton's campaigns when he was governor of Foster, were once senior partners.

ment and meant nothing as far as the length of the said. "Most of it — the loss — was when we paid the Mr. Fiske has already announced his intention to officials at the White House and Justice Department.

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With the investigation beginning to get into gear, other government officials said Thursday that Mr. Fiske had decided to open offices in Washington and New York in addition to the one here.

They said he had been seeking office space in

Washington because many witnesses are there and because he will be looking into the circumstances surrounding the death of Vincent W. Foster Jr., the deputy White House counsel and longtime friend of

At the time of Mr. Foster's death, papers concerning the Whitewater Development Co. were in his office in the West Wing of the White House. The files were never put on an inventory of Mr. Foster's office but were sent by the White House counsel, Bernard W. Nussbaum, to the Clintons' personal lawyer, David

Early this week, Mr. Fiske's office served a subpoena seeking a wide range of documents on the Rose law firm in Little Rock, where Mrs. Clinton and several high-ranking administration officials, including Mr.

(NYT, WP, LAT, Reuters)

Clinton Plan Marks Shift on Homeless

By Jason DeParle New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A draft of the administration's plan to end homelessness says the problem is "far larger than commonly thought" and calls for spending large, although unspecified, new sums on housing, mental health and tax credit programs.

The plan, which was ordered last spring by President Bill Clinton and drafted by an interagency group headed by three cabinet secretaries, represents a departure from a 12-year standoff between educates and government officials about the scope and cause of advocates and government officials about the scope and cause of

If the draft is endorsed by Mr. Clinton, it would mark the first time the government has called homelessness a large-scale problem ids a large federal response.

In what advocates had called an effort to minimize the scope of the problem, Republican administrations had said that about 600,000 Americans were homeless on any given night, with the majority suffering from drugs, drink or mental illness.

The administration's report, by contrast, endorses recent estimates that as many as seven million Americans were homeless at

some point in the late 1980s.

And while it agrees that drugs and mental illness are common among the homeless, the report also argues that poverty, racism and past budget cuts are pushing many families into the ranks of the

"Homelessness has become a structural problem in America: chronic, continuous, large scale, complex," said Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of housing and urban development, who is chairman of the group that drafted the plan.

The report is under review by the Office of Management and Budget and other White House officials, who may revise it before passing it on to the president.



FREED BY MEXICAN REBELS — Absalón Castellanos, former Chiapas state governor, shaking hands with a Red Cross envoy, right, after Zapatistas released him from captivity. On Thursday, the government said talks with insurgents would begin Monday.

Manners Also Fall Victim of L.A. Quake

by more polite commuters. It's all right to ignore a long line for an off-ramp, then race ahead and try to jam into the lane at the last

When crowding into a commuter train, don't bother waiting for others to disembark first. Go ahead and hoard food; Red Cross workers are required to feed all takers on a first-come-first-served basis, so no one will

stop you.
But do not snore in a crowded disaster shelter. If your neighbor snores, don't wake him up; the racket means at least someone's getting some rest. And, for heaven's sake, hold off on the sexual activity when your 130

roommates are trying to sleep.

These are the new rules as Southern Californians are rewriting them, the revemped codes and social contracts that are smoothing the days and nights in postquake Los Ange-

By Philip J. Hilts

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Russia has

agreed to allow the sale of virtually

all drugs made in the United States

and approved by the Food and

Drug Administration, the Clinton administration has announced.

as the first in which any country

safe and effective.

drugs sold within its borders are

Any prescription or nonprescription drug made in the United States

and approved by the drug agency now or in the future will be assured of approval within 90 days in Rus-

sia. Pharmaceutical companies

would simply be required to give the Russian Health Ministry docu-

mentation of the approval.

Dr. Mary K. Pendergast, the agency's deputy commissioner who led negotiations with the Russians.

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The agreement, which takes ef-

fect immediately, was described by the Food and Drug Administration as the first in which any country has formally agreed to rely so heavily on another to insure that drugs sold within its borders are and Italy each have total drug marginal to the sold of th

led negotiations with the Russians view this as a very long-term invest-over the last year, said important ment, and the prize in the end is a

medicines like antibiotics and insu-share of a big market."

By Maria L. La Ganga ... les Everything has changed since Ian. 17, much of Southern California functioning as a community have been sacrificed to fear.

Los Angeles Thier Service ... thanks to a 6.8 tremor that tore the region's community have been sacrificed to fear. The bad behavior that has replaced the former ethos has one goal, says Kirk Murphy,

compassion, it's everyone for himself, as the area digs out from under the rubble and attempts to carry on.

There are fights in emergency assistance lines, fraud in food stamp transactions. Solo drivers nog the car-pool lanes; tailgating is no longer just a sport for the busy BMW driver but a way of life for the masses.

"No one but no one has recovered from the quake," said Lilli Friedland, a psychologist and member of the Los Angeles County Psy-chological Association's disaster response team. "It's the worst that it's ever been." She added: "We're talking about a survival level here, and people at a survival level have

a real problem bringing their most courteous seives forward." But the behavior played out in lines and on freeways is more than just a lapse of good manners. The basic social codes that kept

Moscow Opens Door to U.S. Drug Firms

in Russia and that American com-panies were ready to apply soon to ship those drugs.

Russia, companies had to submit data in Russian translation on all chemical, animal and human tests,

ship those drugs. chemical, animal and human tests,

The agreement is also expected duplicate the human experiments

to be a boon for American thus inside Russia, and subunt the encompanies trying to enter the Russian market, particularly if Russia Health Ministry.

frustrating for years.

"But potentially it could be tion is trying to devise a way to large," Mr. Saul said "Companies inform the Russians by computer

can stabilize its economy.

Russia buys \$300 million to \$400

kets of about \$12 billion annually,

the industry says. The United States market is \$58 billion annual-

Richard R. Sanl, assistant vice

president for Europe at the Phar-

macentical Manufacturers Associ-

ation here, said the market in Rus-

sia had been very unstable and

tire package to committees in the Health Ministry.

took years, and the outcomes were unpredictable. Of thousands of

drugs approved by the Food and

Drug Administration, 40 have been

But beginning this week, Dr. Pendergast said, the Health Minis-

try has agreed to approve U.S.-made and federally approved drugs within 90 days of the submission of

a basic description of the drug and

its action, a copy of the official approval letter, and the latest fed-eral inspection reports from the

about problems that arise with

drugs it has approved. Dr. Pender-gast said that Russia had little civil.

Under the previous system in property or contract law and that Russian circumstances.

approved for sale in Russia.

The process was expensive and

associate physician at the University of Cali fornia, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital: "avering loss in one's own immediate sphere." That most likely will be

the law of the land until freeways are mended, jobs return and anxiety levels recede.

Because breaking the unwritten rules of social intercourse carries no jail sentence or tangible fine, "we very much underestimate

Jellison, a psychologist and professor at the University of Southern California.

Times of "natural disaster, scarcity and threat, war, civil unrest" cause normal rules to be thrown out the window, Dr. Jellison says, and cause societies to struggle with the

rewriting process. How long it will take for the pressure to ease and behavior to return to normal is

In Moscow, officials of U.S.

pharmaceutical companies active in the country welcomed the pact.

But some business people who have run the gantlet of the Health Minis-

try expressed skepticism that the agreement could cut through a bu-

reaucracy hampered by a lack of

cause until now it has been very,

very hard to understand the regis-

"I think it is a healthy step, be-

Will Insurance Pay For Clinical Trials?

By Gina Kolata

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Insurance comand capricious" way in deciding whether to pay for treatment of breast cancer patients who are participating in a study of an experi-

mental therapy, researchers say. Dr. William Peters and Dr. Mark Rogers of Duke University report that about a quarter of insurance companies refused to pay for women to have bone marrow trans-plants and high-dose chemotherapy as part of a federally sponsored

The doctors say that in some cases the same company turned down one patient's claim and granted another's, although there was no apparent medical distinction between the two patients. And they say that patients who brought in a lawyer were likely to get what they wanted. Their study on insurance company practices was published Thursday in The New Eng-

land Journal of Medicine. Insurance companies and their consultants objected to this characterization of their decisions.

tration system," said Sergei A. Tsvetkov, a partner in Sarmite U.S.A., which holds distribution "I really strongly disagree with that," said Susan Gleeson, execurights here for Rugby Laboratories tive director of medicine and quali-Inc., a maker of generic drugs in Rockville Centre, New York ty management at Blue Cross and Blue Shield's national headquarters If the agreement works, Eli Lilly in Chicago. "I think the policies in place regarding the financing of clinical trials, particularly with breast cancer, were deliberate and & Co. should quickly win approval to market five pharmaceuticals in Russia, the medical director for the company in Moscow, Alexei V. Sergeyev, said. But he added, "We all have very thoughtful."

In November 1990, Blue Cross instituted a special program in which its affiliates could voluntarily pay for breast cancer patients in the federal bone marrow transplant study, Ms. Gleeson said. About half joined the program. But Blue Cross does not, in general, pay for experimental treatments, she said.

The reason this comes to a head in bone marrow transplants is that it is very, very expensive," Dr. Rog-ers said. "But this is a problem that crosses many, many other lines."

Dr. Peters and Dr. Rogers ported in the medical journal that 77 percent of the 533 women who panies have acted in an "arbitrary, wanted to enter their study of bone marrow transplants and high-dose chemotherapy for advanced breast cancer got assurances from their health insurance companies that

the companies would pay. Of the 121 who were told they would be denied payment, 62 had the transplant anyway. Thirty-nine of them later managed to persuade their insurance companies to reverse the decision not to pay, and half of them did this after getting a

lawyer and threatening to sue.

Ms. Gleeson, however, said that during the five years that the study was under way, insurers were reassessing their decisions to refuse coverage for bone marrow trans-

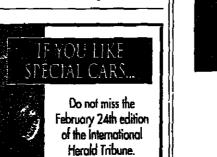
Although Dr. Peters described bone marrow transplants as a therapy that "has begun to show clini-cal promise," in fact the study is being done to see if it is any better han conventional chemotherapy. "It's clear that this test is experi-mental." Dr. Eddy said. "That's

why they're doing the trials," And, he added, virtually every insurance company's contract says it will not pay for experimental treatments.

U.S. Diplomat Refuses **Drunken Driving Test**

HELSINKI - A U.S. diplomat driving twice the speed limit in a Helsinki suburb was pulled over by officers, but refused to take an alcohol test or explain his actions, the police said Thursday. "We cannot be sure, but we think

he had been drinking," said Police Chief Inspector Unto Anttila. "His car smelled of alcohol." The police prevented him from driving away for 90 minutes until U.S. Embassy officials arrived and drove off with the car and its occupant, he said.



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Away From Politics

death penalty and shown gruesome crime photos Wednesday as lawyers in Gainesville, Florida, began picking a panel to recommend either life in prison or electrocation for a man who killed five college students. Danny Rolling, 39, admitted in court that he killed the five students in 1990.

The parents of a 2-year-old boy who died after eating a contaminated hamburger at a Jack in the Box restaurant have settled their lawsuit for \$1.3 million. Michael Nole of Tacoma, Washington, was one of four children whose deaths last winter were blamed on a type of E. coli bacteria traced to contaminated hamburgers at the fast-food restan-

 Pesticide saraying began in Corona, California, after the city lost a court battle to haft an aerial war. against the Moditerranean fruit fly. City officials contended the spraying was a risk to residents.

Prospective jurors were asked their views on the Defense lawyers in San Antonio, Texas, began presenting their case in the murder and conspiracy trial of 11 Branch Davidians by playing a tape of a phone call from a panicked cult member to a 911 emergency line as federal agents stormed the sect's compound last Feb. 28. With gimfire crackling in the background, a sect member, Wayne Martin, is heard shouting: "There's 75 men around our building and they're shooting at us! Tell 'em there's children and women in here and to call it off!"

> • A man accused of being an organized-crime figwe who dominated Long Island's private garbagecollection business agreed to plead guilty to con-spiring to murder two men who had fought Malia influence in the business, according to his lawyer. The defendant, Salvatore Avellino Jr., 58, agreed to plead guilty to murder conspiracy and racketeering charges in return for dismissal of other

Ex-Treasurer Enters Guilty Plea in Tax Case The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The former

doubts as to whether it will really be implemented because we all

have experience working here in

treasurer of the United States, Catalina Vasquez Villalpando, has agreed to plead guilty to evading more than \$47,000 in U.S. income tax, obstructing justice and con-spiring to conceal her continuing financial links to her former employer, officials said Thursday. Mrs. Villahando served as trea-

surer from December 1989 to Jan. 20, 1993. Her signature appears on U.S. paper money printed during that time. The Justice Department said that for 1989, she reported taxable income of \$161,983 while her real taxable income was \$329,884, thus evading \$47,013 in

Europe Moves to Play Catch-Up in Asia

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - Two days after the U.S.-Japanese trade talks collapsed in failure, Koichiro Matsuura, Japan's deputy foreign minister for economic affairs, arrived paign to promote exports to Japan. here to brief European officials on

The scenario was routine, but its symbolism - Europe as a bystander to the relationship between the United States and the booming economies of Asia — is a cause of prowing concern here.

fight back, aiming to raise their profile in Asia to capture a share of the world's most dynamic and fastest-growing market.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Ger- Asia and regard its tigers as a threat many set the pace in November, to their prosperity, said André Saidentifying Asia as Germany's top pir, head of the Institute of Europe-

senior industrialists on a shopping tour of China. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union trade chief, will visit China later this month and on Thursday launched an EU cam-

Asia," Sir Leon said in an inter-But the efforts won't produce a coherent European policy toward Asia anytime soon, diplomats and

"It's about time we locused on

analysts say. Europe remains divided: The free-trade, export-oriented conn-European officials are starting to tries such as Britain and Germany consider an Asian role imperative to their ability to compete, but France and other Mediterranean countries have few historical ties to

foreign policy priority and leading an Studies at Brussels Free Univer-

And most of Europe remains preoccupied with the bloc's internal development and with instability on its eastern and southern borders, Mr. Sapir added.

"There is no policy toward Asia," he said.

Even if Europe can agree on its economic interest in Asia, its lack tion increasingly toward the Pacifof deep political and diplomatic ic, a fear that persists despite links in the region, with the exception of Britain's presence in Hong of interest in Europe here last Kong, is a barrier to greater trade. said Richard Grant of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in

"Europe has to build political ties if it is serious about establishing long-term, stable relations in the region," Mr. Grant said.

Feonomic and strategic interests

Volle at the German Society for Foreign Affairs in Bonn. "The Germans didn't want to be left on the sidelines." she said.

month.

Sir Leon said fears that the United States would turn the Asia-Pacific group into a free-trade zone excluding Europe have been elimi-nated by the completion of the Urugusy Round of the global trade agreement. But Europe still doesn't want to be left out. In a meeting with Indonesia's trade minister in Brussels on Monday, Sir Leon renewed an EU demand for observer status at the next Asia-Pacific sumover a matter of principle: Amerimit meeting in Indonesia later this ca's seeming desire to manage its year, a demand that was rejected at

resentative, Mickey Kantor, saying and industrial, but say they are that Japan would "have little hope of winning the trial because the

strong ties with Europe more than ever in light of the failed trade talks with the United States and Washington's threat to retaliate with tough trade sanctions. "Europe and Japan have a common interest in seeking to contain U.S. unilateralism." he said.

Europe is missing out on the boom in the Association of South East Asian Nations because its economic accord with that group dates from 1980 and is geared toward aid and trade preferences for basic goods, said Adrianus Mooy, Indonesia's ambassador to the European Union. The EU is "more concerned about trade and investment" to foster the growth of electronics and capital-goods industries, he said.

For now, however, much of Europe remains too inward-looking to meet the challenge of Asia with a common purpose.

A French diplomat said bluntly that he didn't "believe in Asia" as a focus of European policy. Europe's historical role in the region is marginal, he said, and its most urgent challenges are in its own backyard: the need to stop the fighting in Yngoslavia and project stability to Eastern Europe, the Middle East



Nelson Mandela and Prime Minister Rund Lubbers of the Netherlands taking questions outside Mr. Lubbers's residence in The Hague on Thursday. Mr. Mandela is on a two-day visit to Holland.

TRADE: Hosokawa Seeks to Placate U.S. on Trade

sokawa may soon send another special envoy to Washington to explain what he is doing.

Prug

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations meet on Feb. 26 in Frankfurt. and the presumption is that Japan would like to have the outlines of a plan ready by then.

The central irony of Thursday's events is that Mr. Hosokawa was forced to turn for his ideas to the very men whom Washington views as the source the problem: Japan's clite bureaucrats. Policy is still being controlled by this conservative bureaucracy, which has opposed the kind of large-scale changes Mr. Clinton is talking about.

On Thursday, one of those top bureaucrats, Koichiro Matsuura, the deputy minister for foreign afexpressed disappointment that Mr. Clinton did not accept an offer the Japanese made last week, to resolve several issues "on which

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ing sectors for a new contract.

ating with employers in the coun-

try's key automotive and engineer-

The Bundesbank also remains

concerned about undesirably high

growth in money supply, its most reliable barometer of future infla-

tion, which overshot its target last

year. "The overhang that arose

from rapid growth in money supply

at the end of last year has been a

burden at the start of this year," the

Bundesbank said in a brief state-

But it also noted that German

monetary policy is focused on its cession.

RATES: Bundesbank's New Move

we were very close" and produce a not have a common perception of compromise in which some market the causes of the bilateral trade openings would be announced and others deferred for later talks. But When Mr. Hosokawa first re-Mr. Clinton's team refused to acturned here on Sunday night, he was riding high in the Japanese cept any deal that did not include

Mr. Matsuura said that he still saw an enormous gulf between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Hosokawa's views about the depth of the trade prob-

specific pledges for measurable progress in reducing the trade defi-

"President Clinton said that the past 30 trade agreements between Japan and the United States have not achieved their objectives," Mr. Matsuura said. "My prime minister pointed out a number of success-." He ticked off a few, from procurement of more telecommunications equipment to beef and other rattle confidence. One evening

"I say bilateral imbalances are not caused by the failure of these agreements," he said. "It is unfortunate that Japan and the U.S. can-

target for the full year, which was

set to hold in a range between 4

percent and 6 percent, and "can

therefore tolerate temporary dis-

Banks called the Thursday action

"a brave step" because of the

it was a "step in the right direction

given the unsatisfactory economic

the second and third quarters of

media. Newspapers hailed his will-ingness to stand up to Mr. Clinton trade with Japan. The Yomiuri

prosecutor is also the judge." Now the sudden rise of the yen. along with Mr. Clinton's comments Wednesday that he would be reviewing a series of options for further retaliatory steps, has begun to newscast here said that Mr. Hosokawa "must be slowly realizing

now what his decisions have cost. Certainly, that message was resonating through the prime minister's office. Mr. Matsuura, on the way to see the prime minister, said that we are more than prepared to take further market-opening measures."

The problem is that Mr. Hosokawa lacks the power to bring about the kind of openings Washington is talking about. He can tinker around the edges of the economy, but none of his proposals, Germany's Federation of Public especially in government procurement and areas like insurance. seems bound to take a big slice out mark's apparent weakness, but said of the trade gap. In the most important area, automobiles, Nobuo Matsunaga, the former Japanese ambassador to Washington, said The German economy shrank in Thursday that the government was

the fourth quarter after growing in almost powerless. "We can make some recommen-1993, leading many economists to dations to the auto companies for talk openly of a "double-dip" re- some 'voluntary' measures."

Caste Upheaval Jars India

Upper Ranks Target Newly Successful 'Untouchables'

NEW DELHI - Shivpati was walking home from a sweaty day in the fields recently when a gang of upper-caste men ripped off her clothes and paraded her naked through the streets of her village in northern Indian, prodding her with bamboo poles as she sobbed and tried to cover her

Shivpati's crime: Her lower-caste grown son had

A surge of caste violence throughout India in recent weeks has led to attacks against lower-caste women, dozens of slayings and lynchings, bloody

Class strife has long been a part of the rigid Hindu social structure — with hereditary classes traditionally excluded from social dealings with those above and below them. But sociologists and others say the recent spate of violence has been fueled by a shift within the strict caste system. Lower castes, for the first time, are emerging as a

The Scheduled Castes, formerly known as untouchables, "have become more assertive," said Yogendra Singh, a professor at the Center for the Study of Social Systems at Jawaharial Nehru University in New Delhi. "Now they've moved up and redefined themselves. They've found identities of

elect a statewide leader.

At the same time, lower castes have been making slow but steady gains in acquiring property, im-proving their incomes and getting better jobs in

mandated quota systems.

es with higher castes. These feel threatened by the newfound strength of what they consider inferior groups in a country whose resources are so limited that everyone must compete fiercely for economic survival. Some of the bitterest disputes have involved members of castes that have only recently become economically successful, who resent the success of those even lower down.

Those struggles have exploded across India. Riots erupted in the holy city of Varanasi after lower-caste men allegedly murdered three upper-caste men to avenge a killing that they said had not

been properly investigated by the police. In retaliation, upper-caste students rampaged through lower-caste Harijan villages last week. setting fire to houses and attacking Harijans. The government sent troops to the city and shut down universities and businesses, but the violence has More than 4,000 people were arrested in demon-

was sparked by a government decision to rename a university in honor of Babasaheb Ambedkar, a 1950s social leader and hero of the downtrodden credited with winning many rights for lower castes in postindependence India. Throughout the country, reports of rapes and murders of lower-caste women by upper-caste men.

strations near Bombay last month. The violence

in northern india, site of the Taj Mahal, after an 8year-old Harijan girl was raped and killed. ——— Few of the incidents have prompted as much ublic outcry, however, as the humiliation suffered by Shivpati, 45, the Harijan farm laborer who was pushed and dragged naked through her village.

have increased. Last week riots broke out in Agra;

Her assailants were a gang of men from the higher Kurmi craste, who allegedly were vindicating their caste honor after her 20-year-old son scuffled with a 13-year-old upper-caste boy whom he caught stealing peas.

"A boy slapping an upper-caste boy was enough of a sin not to be pardoaed so easily." Larkhur Patel, the alleged ringleader in the attack against Shivpati, told an Indian newspaper reporter.

By Molly Moore ungton Post Service

private parts with her hands.

slapped an upper-caste boy for stealing peas from his garden.

street riots and major demonstrations that have shut down urban universities and large towns.

political and economic force, striking out against age-old injustices.

Lower-caste voters, with the aid of disaffected Muslims, brought a socialist-leaning political party to power last autumn in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state. It was the first time the lower castes had been mobilized in enough numbers to

education and government, largely because of

With that new power, however, have come clash-

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understood, but we must be very

Asked if he would be willing to steal the painting in order to publi-

cize his anti-abortion campaign,

Mr. Knudsen replied, "Yes. abso-

lutely." But when pressed by the interviewer to say whether he or his

supporters were involved in the

The painting shows the ghostly

outline of a woman with a terrified

expression, as she stands on a

bridge clutching at her face. It is perhaps the most renowned work by Norway's greatest artist. The

haunting image has become an em-

blem here in anti-abortion litera-

The painting was stolen from Os-lo's National Gallery on Saturday, the opening day of the Lilleham-mer Olympics. Two people climbed

a ladder and smashed a window, then grabbed the 1893 painting and

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theft, he replied, "no comment,"

secretive about it.'

SCREAM: Anti-Abortion Ploy?

that portrayed a woman's fist

clutching a screaming fetus. A faint reproduction of "The Scream" was

in the background. "Which is of greater value: a child or a paint-

ing?" the message asked.

The same day, the Norwegian police refused to allow 12 Ameri-

can anti-abortion activists into the

country on the grounds that they were "suspected of planning to commit criminal offenses," said

Both men have often traveled

around Norway with fetus-sized dolls drenched in ketchup. The po-

lice said Mr. Knudsen was briefly

detained Saturday while driving to-

rupt the inaugural ceremony of the Olympics.

SERBS:

Vow on Deadline

Continued from Page 1 more than 130 of whom have been prowling the hills around Sarajevo

since the cease-fire went into effect last week — said they believed a good portion of the guns were heading toward Sokolac and from then to Olovo, a strategic Muslimheld town that controls access to Tuzla, the largest Muslim-held region in Bosnia.

Petter Parnemann, assistant police In an interview earlier this week. General Rose acknowledged the Mr. Knudsen and Ludvig Nessa, another former minister, were de-frocked by the state Lutheran possibility that successful demilitarization of Sarajevo could result simply in "moving the war else-Church for refusing to carry out their clerical obligations in protest against Norway's abortion laws.

■ Rejection in Bosnia

Bosnia's vice president. Ejup Ganic, rejected any deployment of Russian UN troops. "As you know the Russians are

not neutral in the case of Bosniaward Lillehammer with similar Herzegovina," he said. "They dolls, which they suspected were to be used in a demonstration to disrupt the inaugural ceremony of the welcoming Russians to guard Service of the said of the said. "They didn't go along with this NATO peace process. We're certainly not welcoming Russians to guard Service of the said of the said of the said of the said of the said.

considered the most pro-election figure in his organization, expressed doubt Wednesday night that the new proposal really guaranteed a separate state for Afrikaner, and said, "We will not be appeased by anything less."

Chief Buthelezi's position is the most difficult to fashors because as most difficult to fathom because, as

ANC Offer

Rejected as

'Hypocrisy'

By Inkatha.

By Paul Taylor

leader of the Inkatha Freedom Par-

ty, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi,

said Thursday that his party would

stick to its boycott of South Ain-

ca's April election despite a pack-

age of concessions offered by Nei-

son Mandela to induce his

A leader of a second boycotting

party, the Afrikaner Volksfront,

also voiced doubts that his group

would be swayed by the new proposals. He said the compromise

package did not meet the demand of hard-line Afrikaners for their

The rejections mean that South

Africa's first all-races election on April 26, 27 and 28 will be waged

without the participation of the two

parties that most militantly oppose

the African National Congress gov

ernment that is expected to come to power as a result of the vote. It

raises the risk of destabilization

during the campaign, and legitima-

cy challenges and secessionist

moves afterward. Chief Buthelezi in a harshly

worded reaction, derided the com-

promise put forth by the ANC and

the white minority government as a

public relations gimmick.
What utter hypocrisy, Chief

Buthelezi, who is also chief minis-

ter of the homeland of KwaZulu.

said of the offer. "Mr. Mandela's

statement amounts to no more than

cheap politicking on life and death

The package unveiled by Mr. Mandela, the ANC leader, includes

amendments to a new interim con-

stitution that would strengthen re-

gional powers, provide for a sepa-

rate ballot for national and

regional partiaments, assure sym-

bolic status for the Zulu monarchy,

change the name of the province of

Natal to KwaZulu/Natal, and

adopt a constitutional principle

that would force the next govern-

ment to explore ways to accommo-

date the desire for self-determina-

tion of any ethnic group in the

The ANC and the government

have said that all of the proposals

will be adopted by a special session

of Parliament to be convened early

next month, even if the outsider

parties do not choose to join the

A third boycotting group, the

homeland government of Bophuth-

alswana, had no official reaction to

the package Thursday but offered

some encouraging signals. It is scheduled to meet with the ANC

later in the week to discuss its pos-

The Afrikaner Volksfrom co-

leader, Constand Viljoen, who is

considered the most pro-election

own separate ethnic state.

participation.

JOHANNESBURG — The

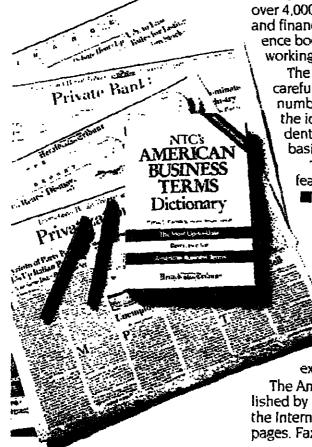
a top Democratic Party negotiator pointed out Wednesday night, the government-ANC package is "very lose indeed" to a package that Inkatha itself put on the table in December.
Now Chief Buthelezi is focusing

on the fact that the new government would still have the power to rewrite the interim constitution, without sufficient blocking mechanisms for minority interests.

His bargaining stance has been one of constantly shifting goalposts - strengthening the impression that he does not really want to want to contest the election. He has suffered a precipitous decline in public opinion surveys over the past year, as his negotiating alliance with white rightists has cost him support among his black base. Most political analysts now believe

Volksfront, the government and the ANC hope that by having shown a good-faith effort to draw them in, they will be in a better. position to use force to contain whatever acts of sabotage the spoil ers may throw up in the way of the election.

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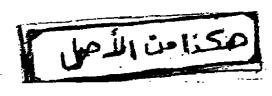
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Inspectors

UN Wants Action By North Korea

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches VIENNA — The International Atomic Energy Agency said Thursday that North Korea had not yet issued visas for United Nations in-spectors but hoped they would be supplied by the weekend.

An international crisis was averted Tuesday when North Korea agreed to let UN experts visit seven declared nuclear sites, ending a year's standoff. -

Referring to the inspectors, an agency official said; We would like them to be on site by next Tuesday. We hope the visas will arrive by Saturday morning."

He added that the agency's governing body, which meets for three days next week, would be more assured if the inspectors had left before they gather. The board of governors, representing 35 nations of the 120-member watchdog unit, including the United States and China, had been expected to refer North Korea to the Security Council for possible economic sanctions if it had not agreed to inspections. China on Thursday welcomed North Korea's pledge to allow in-

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said American officials had made a direct appeal to North Korean authorities to allow inspections as

soon as possible. - The North Koreans have agreed to allow inspectors to make tests and check seals at the seven plants but made no reference to two suspected. secret plants at Yongbyon, 100 kilo-meters north of Pyongyang, where meters north of Pyongyang, where rabble. Many of the injured re-some Western governments fear mained trapped in the debris wait-North Korea is developing a nuclear ing for help on Thursday, while

- The atomic energy agency said-inspectors would visit Yongbyon to theck a 5-megawatt nuclear reactor, a fuel-rod fabrication plant and a feel reprocessing unit.

. The inspections will also include a 50-megawatt power plant under construction and an old Soviet-designed research reactor also at Yongbyon, but it was unlikely the about every two hours. Umpu-experts would be allowed anywhere Singa, a Liwa official, said safe near the two suspect plants nearby. South Korean officials said. The earthquake, the first in Land-

Corruption Trial Strikes at a Central Pillar of Japanese Politics

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - As Japan heads toward a battle with the United States over trade and access of foreign products to its markets, the Japanese people have been tiveted by a trial that is reveal-ing the extent to which collusion has been a part of the construction industry for years.

The effects of the trial on the actions of Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa have been considerable, because the revelations of corruption helped bim push through changes aimed at curbing the influence of money from industry on political leaders and parties

Many supporters of Mr. Hosokawa say they inted that his proposals to change the system have been less sweeping than they had hoped. Critics say he had to make concessions to odate the barrons of the Liberal Democratic Party, which ruled Japan for 38 years until replaced by Mr. Hosokawa's coalition last year: The party has been damaged by disclosures at what some analysts say are the most important-

political corruption mals in decades.

At Tokyo District Court, two prefectural govemors and the mayor of a large city have answered charges that construction companies had bribed them, just part of the 41 indictments that have been handed up in the scandal.

However the cases turn out - all the defendants pleaded not guilty, contending that earlier confessions had been correed — there is little doubt that the indictments played a key role in ending the Liberal Democrats' rule last summer and putting Mr. Hosokawa in power.

The cases have also kept up the momentum behind the attempts to root out corruption and stop the collusion between business and government that closes some markets to foreigners. "Our role," a prosecutor in the cases, Yusuke

Yoshinaga, said, "is to clean out the sewers."

There have been influence-peddling scandals in Japan before, of course, and some have brought down governments. The scandal today is different, because it involves the construction

Contractors have been central to the ways of politics in a country that has been called a "doken kokka," a phrase that could be translated roughly as a nation built around the construction

Among the largest single expenditures made

are construction companies. Many of the govern-

acknowledges is widespread.

The chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Takemura, who had been governor of Shiga Prefecture, recalled once that the pressure to accept for contracts was unrelenting.

"Once they set their sights on you, they use every trick in the book," Mr. Takemura said of the construction companies According to Yoshitsugu Kanemoto, a profes-

sor of economics at Tokyo University: "Other countries have some kind of bid rigging at times, but in Japan dango is part of the industry's Kunio Maeda, a former construction executive

and now a professor at Fuji University, has estimated that government construction costs in Japan are 30 percent to 40 percent higher than in the United States because of the bid rigging. Much of that extra money, of course, is paid to the politicians who steer contracts.

every year by the national and local governments is construction — for a total of \$350 billion last sanctions by U.S. negotiators seeking to gain access to the construction markets for U.S. com-

The first close peek into how the system works ment contracts are let through bid rigging, a was on March 6, 1993, with a raid by prosecutors practice known as "dango," that the government on the home and office of Shin Kanemaru, a former deputy prime minister and Liberal Democratic kingmaker. The government found mil-lions of dollars of gold bars, cash and bearer

> Mr. Kanemaru was charged with tax evasion, and the prosecutors said most of the money was from construction companies. The public was outraged. Finally most politicians began to realize that they courted disaster if they did not support a campaign to stamp out the corruption.

> The prosecutors then raided the offices of 18 construction companies, carting away a total 4,600 boxes filled with documents.

That led to the first indictment, on June 29, of Toru Ishii, mayor of the northern city of Sendai. Perhaps the most shocking arrests were of top executives of the Kajima Corp., the most influential company in the industry because of its tight links with the bureaucracy and politics.

Seven top executives, including the president, are former Construction Ministry bureaucrats, and the children of several former top executives have married into politically influential families.

That pattern is repeated throughout the industry. Nearly a fifth of the boards of construction companies are former government bureaucrats, and 20 former Construction Ministry bureaucrats sit in the Diet, or parliament.

One peculiarity of the system is that it is not very profitable for the companies. The aim is to provide employment, experts say.

"There's a big myth that public works contracts help these companies financially," said Bernard Siman, an analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities. "The main purpose of these companies is not profits, but maintaining employment. They do it as a strategic policy goal of the

The indictments have led companies to stop their most overtly collusive practices, and the government has promised to move to open bid-ding for large contracts. A law passed two weeks ago will sharply limit corporate campaign contri-

nese to pray.

Expelled Missionaries

Broke Law, China Says

Rains Block Rescuers On Sumatra

LIWA, Indonesia - An earthquake that killed at least 184 peo-ple on the island of Sumaina left the hardest-int areas virtually out of

reach to rescuers on Thursday.

The earthquake shook southern Sumatra before dawn Wednesday, injuring more than 900 people as ildings collapsed on residents in Liwa, a district in the province of Lampung, 200 kilometers (125 miles) northwest of Jakarta.

Power was disrupted, phone lines cut and roads choked with ners in belicopters were hindered by beavy rains.

The earthquake had an initial

reading of 6.5 on the Richter scale, according to officials in Jakarta. The U.S. Geological Survey in Washington put the strength at 7.2. Most of Liwa's 50,000 residents camped out in the open Wednesday night, enduring aftershocks

Thursday that Scool would cancel pung in 20 years, was felt through-this year's military exercises with our southern Sumatra, and tremors the United States if North Korea were felt as far away as Singapore. kept its promise to accept nuclear Liwa is located 6 kilometers inspections and engaged in serious north of Mount Pesagi, a volcano dialogue with the South. that is the highest mountain in

that is the highest mountain in (Reuters, AP, AFP) Lauroung,



Residents searching Thursday through the rubble of their bomes on Sumatra, where the toll continued to rise in a devastating quake.

Alexander Chakovsky, an Ex-Soviet Editor, Dies

MOSCOW — Alexander Chakovsky, 80, a stalwart of the Soviet literary establishment, died Thursday in Moscow, the ITAR-Tass press agency said.

Mr. Chakovsky was chief editor of the influential weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta from 1962 until 1988. For many years he was an official in

the Soviet Writers Union, an enforcer of party doctrine that persecuted many original talents. He graduated from the Gorky Literary Institnte at the height of Stalin's terror and went on to become a war correspondent. His literary reputation rested on a trilogy of World War II novels about the siege of Leningrad.

The Soviet regime rewarded him with the

Banner of Labor in 1963. He was allowed to travel abroad, and his works were regularly

The tables turned with President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of openness, or glasnost, which led to Mr. Chakovsky's replacement as

the Chinese religious community,

The police expelled one of the Americans on Wednesday, and the others left on their own at the same The detentions did not help China's prospects for winning renewal Ski weeks

of its low-tariff trade status from the U.S. government this June. Washington has said China must make progress in improving its hu-man rights record. Asked about the arrests and renewal of most-favored-nation

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fense Thursday of its detention of

seven foreign Christians, saying

they had conducted illegal religious

Three in the group were Americans, and the U.S. State Depart-

In a statement, the Foreign Min-

istry did not comment on the U.S.

complaint. It said the group had violated a recent regulation that

reiterates China's ban on foreign

sy officials of the detentions.

missionary activity.

ment said it was concerned that more."
authorities had not notified embas-

RELIING - China issued a de-

trade status, a State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said, "Well, I certainly would not characterize it as a step forward." Chinese law "protects religious activities and protects foreigners" normal, friendly contacts and cul-tural and academic exchanges with

said the Chinese statement, which

Wu Jianmin, the ministry spokes-

man, read at a news conference.

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foreigners can pray to themselves

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Mr. Wu said: "These people ac-knowledged they violated Chinese

law and made guarantees they would not violate Chinese law any

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Diplomacy vs. the Bomb

Ending yet another bout of brinkmanship, derail diplomatic efforts to gain unimpeded North Korea acceded on Tuesday to international inspections of its declared nuclear sites. That is a hard-earned victory for U.S. diplomats who are trying to persuade the North to give up any ambition to build bombs.

North Korea agreed to let inspectors into all seven of its declared sites. They can conduct repeated visits if necessary, but only to assure that nuclear safeguards are intact — to verify that no nuclear material has been diverted to bomb-making in the year since their last visit and to check seals and replace film in cameras designed to inhibit diversions in the future.

Once the inspectors are reassured and talks between North and South resume, the stage will be set for a new round of tough talks between Washington and Pyongyang to bring the North into full compliance with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The Clinton administration needs to prepare a package of incentives to get it to comply, starting with cancellation of this year's Team Spirit military exercises, conducted jointly with South Korea.

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The North's response comes none too soon. The board of sovernors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which oversees nuclear inspections, is scheduled to meet on Monday. If it were unable to certify Pyongyang's compli-ance with nuclear safeguards, it would refer the matter to the UN Security Council, which has the authority to impose economic sanctions.

The North views sanctions as an attempt to strangle it. Imposing them would almost surely

access to all its nuclear sites and would increase the risk of instability, if not war, on the Korean Peninsula. For these reasons the North's neighbors, China, Japan and South Korea, have been reluctant to impose a tight embargo.

The Clinton administration was wise to cut a diplomatic deal instead. Its strategy is working so far. But the hardest bargaining lies ahead. It rightly wants North Korea to allow more thorough regular inspections of all its declared nuclear sites, to keep it from turning nuclear material into bombs

It is especially important to resume regular inspections by summer, when North Korea will have to shut down its reactor and replace the fuel rods. At that time, inspectors will be able to weigh and assay the nuclear material to find out whether any of it was diverted in the past, and if so, how many bombs' worth. Special inspections of suspected North Korean nuclear waste sites might also be necessary for that purpose. Those, too, would have to be negotiated.

The Clinton administration should be prepared to pay a reasonable price to gain such access - by meeting the North's demands for improved relations, giving security assurances, providing reactors that are less proliferation-prone, and offering trade and aid.

Diplomacy will cost a lot less than confrontation, and it just might get what the world wants - a nuclear-free Korea.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Yen Gives a Warning

Once again the United States is threatening Japan with trade sanctions. Whether intentionally or not, Japan has created the impres-sion in Washington that it is testing the Clinton administration to see how far it can go.

This quarrel has little to do with economic policy in the broad sense or with the size of trade deficits. It is about American ideas of commercial fairness, and anxieties about future competitiveness. Last week an important series of trade talks with Japan fell into deadlock. This week the Clinton administration has turned to another failing negotiation for what it terms a "classic case" of the Japanese government's resistance to imports, particularly those representing advanced technologies.

Under the Reagan administration, Japan agreed to give American equipment manufacturers the opportunity to compete in its very new market for cellular phones. Five years ago, during the Bush administration, the United States accused Japan of failing to carry out that pledge. Just before the deadline for sanctions, the Japanese agreed to take specific steps to provide access. Some parts of the market have opened, but the government has shut the American company, Motorola, out of the crucial Tokyo area. That, as the White House now points out, has given Mo-torola's Japanese competitors a protected mar-

ket in which to catch up with its technology. Japanese companies have sometimes used this kind of a protected and profitable market as a base from which to export. That increases the political pressures in America for protectionist countermeasures against Japan. President Bill Clinton is right to keep trying to use the lever of sanctions to pry open Japanese markets. There is a certain danger of falling into tit-for-tat retaliation, but to do nothing would raise even greater dangers. As for the Japanese trade surplus and the

American trade deficit, both are much too big. if the two governments cannot work them down by intelligent policy, they risk a much less gentle solution imposed by an exchange rate crisis. A country can run a trade surplus only by financing it — lending its customers the money to keep buying. But Japan's banks are in trouble, and its financing capacity is under great strain. The leap in the yen's exchange rate this week was a reminder of that. A rising yen is the ultimate sanction against a growing Japanese trade surplus, since ît makes Japanese exports harder to sell abroad. That bounce upward in the yen rate was a warning to both Tokyo and Washington that they have created trade imbalances that they may have trouble sustaining.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Dishonorable Deal

Secretary of Defense William Perry must have thought he was making the best of a bad situation by crafting a deal to entice Admiral Frank B. Kelso 2d into retiring with full rank and pay. Alas, it was a dishonorable deal announced with language that insults public intelligence. So, in his first weeks in office, Mr. Perry has joined former Defense Secretary Les Aspin, former Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett 3d, the Naval Investigative Service and the Pentagon as shareholders in an episode of utter disgrace.

The current secretary of the navy. John H. Dalton, was correct in urging Admiral Kelso's removal as chief of naval operations for failing to show proper leadership at the Tailhook convention. Former Secretary Aspin was wrong to overrule Mr. Dalton. And now the navy's Tailhook inquiry has ended as igno-miniously as it began. Admiral Kelso refused to step down unless Mr. Perry issued a statement calling him "a man of highest integrity and honor." Yet the navy's own judge, Captain William T. Vest Jr., concluded that Admiral Kelso had lied about his activities at the Tailhook convention and then used his rank to impede the investigation. Only one of them is right, and Mr. Perry has no way of knowing whether it is he -- or Captain Vest and Mr. Dalton, who assert that the navy's top admiral failed in his duty. Now, of course, the public will never know, either, since Admiral Kelso's retirement ends any review of his conduct.

More than two years ago the now infamous Tailbook convention was the scene of physical assaults in which unwilling women were grabbed, fondled and partially disrobed. The navy says 140 navy and marine pilots assaulted 83 women. No one was convicted because scores of commissioned officers lied about what they had witnessed. In the final development, Captain Vest dismissed the last three naval cases on the grounds that Admiral Kelso had lied about his own knowledge of bawdy activities and actively manipulated the

investigation to shield his involvement. From all accounts, Captain Vest is a responsible jurist. He was forced to weigh evidence of the admiral's involvement because the three defendants challenged the whole proceeding as

tainted. The theme that weaves most strikingly through his 111-page opinion is his deep skepticism about the truthfulness of Admiral Kelso and those who testified for him.

The admiral said, for example, that he had never witnessed any improper activities and never set foot in the suites or hallway where the assaults took place. Other officers corroborated his assertions. Yet the judge chose to believe a vice admiral who testified that he had led Admiral Kelso through those suites. The judge also believed the undisputed testimony of an officer who said he was talking to the admiral on a patio when both witnessed and commented on a scene in which male officers surrounded a woman, yelled for her to show her breasts,

and held high the top of her bathing suit. Similarly, Admiral Kelso denied even being present on the patio on the night when the worst assaults occurred nearby, and some officers corroborated his account by saying he was with them elsewhere. Yet the judge chose to believe other officers who testified that they had seen Admiral Kelso on the natio.

The judge's opinion is flawed in some respects. It occasionally speculates on what Admiral Kelso must have known or seen. Some officials complain that their remarks were taken out of context. The conclusion that Admiral Kelso tried to manipulate the investigation is largely inferred. And the judge erred in charg-ing that the admiral received incriminating files on himself and other flag officers and failed to pass them on to prosecutors. Those files were apparently held by the Pentagon's civilian lead-

ership and never delivered to Admiral Kelso. But the indisputable bottom line in this tangle of conflicting tales is that a judge of known professionalism has weighed the evi-dence and declared the navy's investigation tainted. Over and against that is the defense secretary's exonerating statement based on bargaining among top civilian and military offi-cials at the Pentagon. One effect of that statement was to curtail formation of a court of inquiry composed of retired generals and admirals to assess Admiral Kelso's performance. Mr. Perry assures us that all's well that ends well. In fact, a fiasco has ended with a charade.

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A Problem Bigger Than Ex-Yugoslavia

By Flora Lewis

P ARIS — Nearly forgotten before it even gets to work, the United Nations tribunal to judge crimes against humanity in ex-Yugoslavia has announced that it is ready to begin functioning in The Hague. But, like so many UN efforts launched with fanfare, it has just the budget to get organized, not enough yet to start planning prosecutions.

It is another example of failure of the "international community" to face the key question of its attitude to the war. What does it seek, peace or the principle of justice? The precedent for war crimes trials was established after World War II, when the demand for unconditional surrender made the two aims compatible, complementary. Unconditional surrender was imposed to make

sure there that could be no repetition of the myth,

exploited by Hitler, that Germany was not really

defeated in World War I but "stabbed in the back." The allies were determined to dictate terms to Germany, and for that they understood that they must have victory, not a negotiated peace. Nobody outside wants to impose an all-out victory in Bosnia, or elsewhere in Yugoslavia. As in Iraq, as in Cambodia, the aim is for an accepted settlement with certain future constraints. But this has not been admitted. That is why the current two-track plan threatening to bomb Serbian artiliery around Sarajevo and pressing the Bosnian government to accept what it considers an made-

quate agreement is so confusing and uncertain. It evades the manswered question of how the governments that decide what the United Nations and NATO should try to do want to see the war ended. The anomaly of setting up a crimes tribu-nal while negotiating with the people who would

TO's policy also appears to conflict with the United Nations' policy.

NATO policy may very well fail.

The United States must bring Brit-ain and the United Nations into

line, which it can do if it is deter-

mined. However, unless this policy

can impose itself upon the Serbs of

Bosnia, next week could bring still

another humiliation to that fabu-

lous entity "the international com-

munity," and another blow to the

prospects of peace and order else-

American policy is first of all to end the siege of Sarajevo. This is in

order to get Sarajevo off the televi-

sion screens and permit the Clinton

administration to present itself as having "done something." Those are not the most creditable of mo-

tives, but, together with French gov-

ernment urgings — the result of identical considerations of domestic politics in France — they have

forced Washington to make up its mind, and NATO's mind as well

delivered to the Bosnian Serbs de-

mands that Serbian heavy weapons

be withdrawn from around Sarajevo

or placed under UN control by Sun-

day midnight. UN authorities on the scene, including the British gen-

eral currently in command of the

UN Protection Force there, argue

that "control" means that the United

Nations knows where the weapons

are, with the possibility of destroying

Since destroying the weapons would require the UN Protection

Force to attack the Serbs, the UN

commanders clearly are not being

serious. They do not intend any

such attack, whatever the Serbs do, and the Serbs understand this. UN

commanders have consistently

raised obstacles to military action

against the Bosnian Serbs because it

would mean trouble and danger for

UN troops, and also because the professional Serbian command has been, of all the contending forces

around Sarajevo, the easiest for UN

military people to deal with.

As in the European Union negotiations in Geneva late last year in-

them if the Serbs try to use them.

The ultimatum that NATO has

where in ex-Communist Europe.

The result is that the American-

be expected to be in the dock shows that they don't want to answer, they are bluffing themselves.

The sudden French-American honeymoon, af ter open spars, on the next step in the long Bosnian tragedy was reached by deciding to have it some of both ways: use force enough to scare the Serbs and

give the Bosnian government heart, but not enough to leave the decision to the battlefield. The UN commander in Bosnia, Sir Michael Rose, says his goal is to enable Sarajevo to live as a normal city, where supplies and people can come and go, and then go on to do the same for Tuzla, Mostar, others. But the threat to bomb if artillery is not withdrawn or if it is used will not even assure lifting of the siege. At best it will reduce the wanton level of killing.

Once again, attention is focused on immediate details, how many guns, how far back, what is meant by their control, to distract the public with the current dramatic sequence. Ther further scenario except the hope that the fighters will grow tired and discouraged, and then be villing to sort out the pieces. It is not a policy. It won't decide anything.

Nor is haggling on the details of a new Bosnian

map a stand either of principle or of hardheaded accommodation for peace. It will reward Serbian conquest, but there is scarcely any reason to think that the plan on the table, even somewhat modified, can produce an enduring settlement.

The proposal for a two-year UN administration of Sarajevo is a recipe for shifting the head-aches now and making sure that they will last for

years. This is not like the Middle East, where an interim accord can be called "engaging the pro-cess" in a momentum that can carry through to real agreement. The key players there at last understand, in Shimon Peres's words, that the Arabs cannot defeat Israel on the battlefield and the Israelis cannot dictate their peace terms.

Tough Guys

Instead of

Statesmen?

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — Perhaps the most discouraging thing about the impasse between the Unit-

ed States and Japan on trade issues

is how neatly the rupture enhances

the political popularity of President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister

Mr. Hosokawa's bravado in stand-

ing up to Mr. Clinton's demands for a

fixed share of the Japanese market for

American products and services has won him wide acclaim and a boost in

the poils: Japan has finally found a prime minister willing to say "no" to

Mr. Clinton's toughness has gamed

Mr. Chinton's toogeness as gamed him bilateral support in Congress and among Americans who believe that the Japanese for years have cleverly duped U.S. negotiators with double-talk while they built up huge export surpluses. The trouble is that Mr. Clinton and Mr. Hopelegue, now have

ton and Mr. Hosokawa now have

something to prove - their reputa-tions depend on a determination not

to back off. That makes repair of the

The next several weeks will be criti-

cal if blunders on both sides are not to

disintegrate into sanctions and retalia-tion that spill over into the geopolitical

and security areas, affecting the stabil-

ity of the Pacific region.

The smartest thing the Japanese could do now is to acknowledge that

the United States has a solid case in

the separate dispute involving Motor-

ols and to move quickly to remove the manifest discrimination in the cellular

phone market south of Tokyo. In this

avert sanctions against their exports but would also do much to defuse

general tensions, without conceding that they were wrong to resist Mr. Clinton's pressure for "results-orient-

ed" numerical quotas.

Coincidentally, an effort should be made to put the trade dispute into

some perspective. There is a wide

misunderstanding, perpetuated by the Clinton trade team's hawkish

rhetoric, about the extent to which

the two countries need each other's markets and support.
Consider this: Ted Koppel, arguably the best-informed network news.

anchor in the business, admitted as he

hosted a debate Tuesday between the

U.S. trade representative, Mickey

Kantor, and the Japanese ambassador to the United States, Takakazu Kuriyama, that he had been unaware of a basic fact. After stating that Japan sells, the United States \$60 billion was then it have he said.

more than it buys, he said:
"What we do not hear again and again, what many of you probably do not know—and what I must confess I.

did not know until this morning - is

that Japan buye more products from the United States than any other coun-

ington slapping a few sanctions on Japan," Mr. Koppel said, "just re-member that our two economies are

so intertwined that when you hit a

Japanese company, some U.S. supplier or subsidiary is going to wince."

That is one essential truth about the interlocked business relationship.

But there are others that Mr. Koppel

didn't mention. When Japan builds a

trade surplus, the dollars acquired come back to the United States in the

form of investments or loans. When

invested privately, those surplus dol-

Also, when lent to the U.S. govern-.

ment in the form of purchases of

Treasury bills and notes, the Japa-

nese surplus has helped finance the . U.S. budget deficit. Without such

funds, interest rates could have

climbed much higher.

None of this counters the fact that

Japan -- as does the United States -

follows some unfair trade practices: But, according to this week's Econom-

ic Report from the White House, if

every single complaint about Japanese trade practices were settled to Ameri-

ca's satisfaction, the Japanese suplus would still be \$45 billion to \$50 billion.

ly rewarding, for the Clinton administration to pursue a reduction of the trade deficit on a laborious product-

by-product, sectoral basis.

That is why it is foolish, if political-

If there is a solution to the Japanese

surplus "problem" it lies in encourag-

ing Japan to boost its own domestic

economy with a view to raising the

consumer standard of living. If Japa-

ars help create jobs.

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try in the world except Canada.

situation all the more difficult.

Morihiro Hosokawa

the United States.

The Yugoslav belligerents have not reached that point. What is really on the table is a recess. If NATO's threat succeeds, or if it acts, as it must, to save a shired of respect for its power if it is defied, the war may simmer down for a time. Neither peace nor principle will be truly served.

All this is not to argue that there should be a massive intervention of force to separate the adversaries, to punish the aggressors and bring them to trial. It is not going to happen, for good human as well as geopolitical reasons. It is to argue that pretending that something useful is being done is no better, that prolongs and complicates the conflict.

Nobody is going to surrender, and indigna-tion will not change that. The first step to a solution is to shed illusions that a sustainable local settlement can be reached. The lines that meet on the battlefield stretch back in a tangled

regional, indeed nearly global web.

A much broader context is needed involving the whole of the Balkans, Russia, the European Union and the United States, to create a peace plan for the entire area. Only then can enough weight be brought to compress, and snuff out, what formulately so far temains a local war. So long as this is not started, lives saved today are only borrowed from tomorrow's casualty lists.

A U.S. Policy at Last — but Where Does It Lead?

By William Pfaff

P ARIS — The United States now has a policy on Bosnia. As a result, NATO has such a policy, too volving David Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, a certain implicit com-—for the moment, although Britain, Greece and possibly others in NATO are not really committed to it. NAplicity has grown up between aggressors and peacemakers in order to get things done and minimize the inconveniences to peacekeepers and medi-ators. It is the victims who are mak-ing trouble by refusing to give up. America now is making further trouble by supporting the victims' claim to a better settlement than the Serbs

and Croats wish to give them.

Washington's policy was articulated last Friday by Peter Tamoff, undersecretary of state for political affairs: When the siege of Sarajevo is lifted, the war must be given a negotiated settlement, and the United States now will put new pressure on the Bosnians to make such a settlement. This settlement must meet the "reasonable requirements" of the Bosnian government, as the Bosnians have been the chief victims of the war. The Bosnian Serbs will have to

make large concessions. If the Bosnian Serbs (and Serbia itself, which created and sponsors the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb

government) do not make new concessions, new pressure will be put on them. Croatia is expected to play "a helpful role," but if it does not, pressure will be applied there, too.
Mr. Tarnoff said nothing about what
these pressures would be, but previous discussion in Washington suggests that they could include lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia, or even giving the Bosnians military support. Once an agreement is found, and

there is evidence of its acceptance in good faith, Washington is prepared to send "implementation forces" to help police it. The caveat about "good faith" aside, this amounts to exactly the program of military intervention to impose a settlement that everyone, from the beginning has warned against. By refusing every opportunity for limited intervention early in the crisis, the Western powers are ending by committing NATO

to their worst-case scenario.

As the Serbs are unlikely to cooperate, the United States and NATO are likely to be spared that scenario. The alternative, however, is also un-

pleasant, implicating the United States and its allies in widening the war. It is to adopt some version of the program known to Washington as "lift and strike": air strikes against the Serbs, while lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia.

This involves no foreign troops. The UN troops already in Yngosla-via undoubtedly would be pulled out. The war would get worse. This course would mean leaving the three sides in this war to discover for themselves the limits to which

they are prepared to go. In that respect, this policy possesses a certain moral gravity absent before, when the international conmunity tried to spare everyone the consequences of what everyone was doing and tended as a result to

By offering some support to the side that has tried to cling to the values of Western liberal society, the policy would offer a moral coherence to Western policy that has been ab-sent before. It is a perible alternative. wever, it is a coherent policy.

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Watch the Supply Side of Emerging Stock Markets

HONG KONG — Remember the supply side? The recent falls in several emerging stock markets may seem just a correction before yet another forward march. But the debate over the future of these markets, which have shown average gains of 80 percent in the past year, has been mainly conched in terms of the durability of two factors: the inflow of portfolio capital from Western instinutional investors, and the markets'

susceptibility (as evidenced recently) to a rise in U.S. interest rates. These are of course important factors. But equally so, and so far largely ignored, is the question of potential supply of new issues to markets that are often thin, and where turnover is small relative to market capitalization.

Not much talked about, either, is the indirect role of Japan in fueling asset booms, especially in Asia. That factor will need to be especially care-fully watched now that America is intent on obtaining a drastic cut in Japan's surplus, by fair means or foul. Fund mangers in slow-growing, graying OECD countries are unlikely - barring some serious accidents to emerging markets such as hit Hong Kong in 1987 — to cease placing a significant porportion of their cash flows in younger, faster-growing if less stable economies.

The boom in emerging markets has been partly a product of belated ap-preciation in the West of the gradual shift in world economic power. This realization has coincided with a shift in the developing world toward the merits of equity markets and private capital over state enterprise. This phenomenon has affected giants such as Brazil, China and India as well as mixed-economy minnows like Singapore, Oman and Venezuela. The younger markets have acquired the confidence to expect premium prices, not the discounts at which they were

It is estimated that \$20 billion, or

By Philip Bowring

20 percent of new money, has flowed from U.S. mutual and pension funds into emerging markets in the past year. Probably another \$15 billion has come from Europe and Japan. It is anyone's guess when the fund man-gers will collectively decide that an optimum level of emerging market exposure has been reached. As a percentage of total funds the flow is still small. On balance it seems reason-

able to assume that the flow will abate but remain strongly positive. It is more likely to be on the supply side that damage to asset values will be done. In particular, this will expose the fallacy of paying large pre-miums for entry into markets where access is impeded either by laws or by trading and settlement problems.

There is a simple and obvious rea son for this: Most fast-growing devel-oping countries have in common a shortage of capital. Opportunities for profitable investment exceed availability of the funds to fulfill them. In the longer run, companies can attract such capital, whether local or foreign, only by offering high rates of return. This can hardly be the case at present, where price-earnings ratios in the 25-to-50 range are the norm. In the short term, foreign portfolio capital can move asset prices sharply, even in big countries. But in the longer run it is local supply and demand

that will determine the cost of funds. Recently, while asset values have been soaring everywhere, actual private investment has been moderate, or worse, in countries from Hong Kong to Thailand, Indonesia to India. Thailand has a persistent savings-investment gap of 6 percent of GDP — hardly a situation to men't cheap capital, india has relatively modest current account problems. but its needs for capital to improve infrastructure and modernize industry are immense. The same is true in

China, whose investment needs are more basic than can be provided by the Hong Kong property developers so beloved of foreign institutions. The new-issue flood has barely begun. China has hundreds of state-

owned enterprises at least as worthy as those already listed, which would dearly love to issue shares to foreigners. India already has a large number of listings—although it is doubtful if the foreign institutions will want to go beyond a few big private rames and post in private rames and post in a constructions. and partial privatizations such as those of State Bank of India and VSNI, the telecommunications gi-ant. Nor will they need to, given the shear size of such issues as the SI billion from VSNL and other privatizations in more distant prospect.

The early birds everywhere are catching the worms with big issues of equity or convertibles at big prices. The deinge has barely begun, but already yellow lights are appearing. It is no surprise to find plenty of inter-est in a \$500 million convertible Eurobond from Bangkok Bank, Thailand's largest But if an upstart Bangkok property developer like Tanayong can raise foreign funds on the back of a milway project that may well never happen, let alone make money, it may be time to take stock. Either there will be a flood of others raiding international markets for cheap more ey, or there will be accidents. Or both.

For now, new issues are actually adding to liquidity, attracting new money yet to be spent on real projects. But that can only be temporary. The money has to be spent, and, if there is not to be earnings dilution. yield high returns. If it is the Western fund managers

who have led the way in bidding up asset prices, it is the Japanese who have been providing the precondition cheap money. Japanese direct foreign investment may be sluggish, its

portfolio investors following behind their Western colleagues in emerging markets. But it is that \$130 billion current account surplus which, as much as the U.S. Federal Reserve, is holding down interest rates in Asia. It is trade credits and bank loans that are enabling Southeast Asian countries to be so liquid despute big current account deficits, and China to finance its capital flight with so little pain.

So followers of emerging markets should worry less about a change of mood by sometimes emotional and often sheep-like fund managers. Instead, keep your eye on the foreign

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Japanese surplus.

nese consumption rises, and access to imports is not blocked. American exports to Japan may rise - provided that American manufacturers attend to the demands of the Japanese con-sumer. They cannot be fosce-fed with numerical quotes.
This is a time to lower the risensic

and return to statesmanship. The Washington Post.

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1894: An Early Spring

PARIS - There is a chestmat tree in the avenue des Champs-Elysées which if meteorological conditions which it meteorological conditions are favorable, promises to be in leaf-by February 20, thus preceding by a whole month the proverbial "Marrounier du 20 Mars." The buds on this tree are already without their outer cavelope, and if the weather keeps tolerably fine the leaves will show themselves by Tuesday.

1919: Senate's Debate

PARIS.—A Washington news dis-patch says Republican leaders in the Senate show no disposition to moder-ate or defer discussion on the draft plan for the Designe of Nations in compliance with President Wilson's request. It is not at all certain that they will assect debate on the sub-ject during the coming week. In the course of a long speech, Sensior Bo-rah said: It yill be well to examine the agreement carefully in order to

know, in fullest detail, the obligations it imposes on the United States. One thing is certain: and that is it means the renunciation of the Monroe Doctrine, and that we will engage ourselves to go to Europe and participate in European affairs, subject to the jurisdiction of the League."

1944: Stalin's Report

LONDON - [From our New York edition:] Premier Marshal Josef V. Stain amounced early today [Feb. 18] that Russian troops in the Ukraine had completely liquidated ten divisions and one impade of the 8th German Army surrounded near Korsun after a fourteen-day battle in which 52,000 Germans died and 11,000 surrendered Nearly 74,000 Germans were killed, according to the Russians count, in the battle of the encirclement, including 21,800 who fell in a vain effort to smesh the Soviet ring The entire German equipment and war material was cap-tured by our moops," Staim said.

Government Doesn't Like **Investigating Government**

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — The government VV does a lousy job of investigating the government. That's why the Independent Counsel Reauthorization Act finally was passed by the House last week. After conferees iron out minor differences in two weeks, the bill that Bill Clinton promised to sign will be on his desk

Not a moment too soon. Consider how abuses of power are probed by insiders versus outsiders.

Last summer, Clinton State Department appointers wrongfully searched the files of predecessors in the Bush administration; the subsequent dishing of dirt was done from the Washington private line of Warren Christopher's top aide, who was off in Singapore. State's inspector general sent a report to the secretary of state, who fired the culpable appointees, and sent a "prosecutive summary of potential Privacy Act violations" to Justice. Time servers there gave the blatant politically motivated intrusion a desultory look-see and declined to prosecute.

Contrast that inaction with the thorough probe undertaken by a truly inde-pendent counsel in a similar case. During the 1992 campaign, Bush appointees at State scandalously searched the passport files of candidate Cimton and his mother. An independent counsel took charge of the case to find out who committed the misdemeanor and if higher-ups lied in

denying guilty knowledge.
What will happen? My guess: a full report by April but no indicament. Not for lack of investigative zeal or the result of any political fix or unexpected innocence: but because the evidence on which the Clinton passport case is based was "tainted" from the start.

What tainted it was an entirely sepa-rate crime: unlawful eavesdropping, Mr. Baker's aides were overheard plotting to search Clinton files by members of the State Department's Operations Center

- who had no right to listen in. That opened a whole new can of worms. A third criminal investigation was launched: Who at State violated the law by cavesdropping and "routinely" making notes of private conversations?

Unfortunately for law enforcement this matter was referred to the Clinton Criminal Division's Department of Pub-lic Integrity, on the Boulevard of Broken Cases. An ambassador who had been in charge of the "watch center" was never examined. Justice mutters that the matter is "under review," but nobody at State

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has been asked a question in six months. In one sentence: The Bush State Department snoops who wrongfully searched the Clinton passport files will not be prosecuted because the snoops in the Operations Center were wrongfully listening in, while the Clinton State Department snoops who wrongfully rifled the files of one of those Bushie snoops will not be prosecuted because Clinton. Justice goes easy on its own.

JOSEPHINE:

The Hungry Heart

Reviewed by

Margo Jefferson

and bracelets.

African drummers.

By Jean-Claude Baker and

Chris Chase, Illustrated: 532

pages. \$27.50. Random House."

A LITTLE song called "Yes, We Have No Bananas" was

the hit of 1923. F. Scott Fitzgerald thought it caught the goofy aban-

don of the age, so it seems right that Josephine Baker created the hit

dance number of the age three years later wearing a best of bananas accessorized only by beads

A film clip shows a small part of

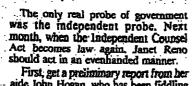
that number. Baker steps onto an elevated tree trunk, strikes a brief pose (part bathing beauty, part cocky sailor), then steps down to the stage of the Foics-Bergère.

which has been turned into a jungle complete with white explorer and

What exactly did she do? A belly

mimed Cupid with his bow, then glanced at the sleeping explorer.

The content was wide eyed primi-

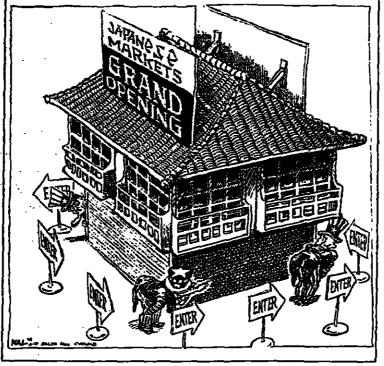


aide John Hogan, who has been fiddling for eight months on Justice's mismanagement of Iraquate, as the basis for a count. request for independent counsel. Second, get a preliminary report from Robert Fiske, her in-house, nonindepen-

dent, untrusted-by-Republicans counsel on Whitewater, and use that to go to court for a truly independent counsel. That court-appointed counsel should immediately take testimony from poten-tial subjects Webster Hubbell, Bernard

to discover any improper involvement in the selection of Mr. Fiske. The New York Times.

Nussbaum and Hillary Rodham Clinton



Hiding From This Rage Is Harmful

WASHINGTON - In 1887, T. Thomas Fortune, the black editor of the New York Age, formed the Na-tional Afro-American League because, he wrote, the best educated black people had to take their fate out of the hands of well-intentioned whites.

Early in this century, W.E.B. Du as characters. And it increasingly glori-Bois, the editor of the NAACP Crisis magazine and the first black Ph.D. from Harvard, wrote that educated black peo-

MEANWHILE

ple - a "talented tenth" - had a responsibility for elevating black Americans economically and educationally. In the 1930s, Charles Hamilton Housion, a prominent black lawver, pressured Howard University's law school to increase the ngots of its training, be-cause he felt that the black lawyer must be well educated to "anticipate guide and interpret his group's advancement

as social engineers for the black race. At the end of the century this emphasis on educated black leaders' taking the reins of leadership has been turned on

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I find it assonishing that two former

high officials in the Reagan adminis-

tration believe that the cause of the

war there is Serbian and Croatian ag-

was triggered by the ill-conceived deci-

sions of Mr. Burt and Mr. Perle's succes-

sors in the Bush administration to recog-

nize Croatia without any concern for Serbian minority rights. This then led to the e-tablishment of Bosnia, where the

Serbian minority felt even more danger-

with incalculable consequences.

It is well established that the conflict

Richard Burs and Richard Perle:

gression against Bospia."

By Juan Williams

its head by what might be called reactionary black populism.

Today black America is increasingly led by people who can only be described fies ignorance: Part of the debate over race includes conspiracy theories about AIDS being intentionally spread in the black community and white skinbeing

an indication of geneue inferiority.

There is no better example of this phenomenon than Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, a man who talks about visits to alien spaceships to converse with the dead and yet is widely granted credibility in pockets of the black community.

At his Feb. 3 Washington press con-ference to repudiate Khalid Abdul Muhammad, an aide who gave a higored speech at Kean College in New Jersey. Mr. Farrakhan said he had obtained a secret report by the Anti-Defamation League that said elected black officials were resential over Mr. Farrakhan's suc-

cess at affecting black public opinion.

The League is right. Black politicians are angry and resentful. But most of all they are puzzled about Mr. Farrakhan. As more black politicians hold office in Washington and in state and city government, they also represent larger numbers of the educated, well-informed middle selves, yet refusing to end the war, is patently unjustifiable. class - white and black. But that leadership, born of education, ambition and hard-won success, is derided by the Farrakhans of today as "acting white" or Regarding "Think About Where The Bombs Will Fall" (Opinion, Feb. 12) by losing touch with the street corner.

The paralysis among leading blacks in the face of this attack is having tremendous negative impact on black public opinion. Data from the 1993-94 Black Politics Study being done at the University of Chicago shows that support for an independent political party and other forms of self-segregation and black na-

tionalism is at an all-time high.
"Younger and poor blacks are more apt to hold black nationalist viewpoints." said Michael Dawson, a sociologist at the University of Chicago and co-author of the study, to be released in April. "We of Illinois, and said. "When white folks were stunned by the magnitude of change can't defeat you, they'll always find in support of black nationalist views since 1988," the last time the study was done. Mr. Dawson said. "Right now half of the black community supports the idea of an independent black party."

Those views are in the ascendance at

least in part because black politicians and academics are afraid of being called traitors if they speak up. Thus, when Lenora Fulani, an innerant activist, was given a platform on the "MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour" recently, she articulated the view that the Reverend Jesse Jackson's con-demnation of Mr. Muhammad's hateful speech made people on the street ask, "What's wrong with Jesse?" What is troubling here is not one per-

son's beliefs but the sense of a community in a frenzied rush in the direction of the loudest voice. The National Black Politics study showed that in response to the

question. "Do you think that Farrakhan is a good leader or a dangerous force in the black community." 67 percent of black Americans answered he is a positive force: 28 percent deemed him a dan-

gerous extremist: 4 percent said both. It is this underground sea of emotional support for Mr. Farrakhan that has the Congressional Black Caucus in paralysis, alternating between embracing him with "covenants" and then repudiating his venomous sentiments. Several caucus members requested anonymity before discussing Mr. Farrakhan.

"There was a story in The Wall Street Journal the other day about a prepschool, college-educated young woman from a wonderful family who could not get a record contract." said one caucus member. "You know what she did? She started cursing, telling people she was from the ghetto, dressing like a bum and then she got a contract. She's marketable as a stereotype.

"Now if I play the role and support Farrakhan, there are black people who would love it. I become more marketable. They enjoy the expression of anger and confrontation over all else."

Another black congressman pointed to the evation and laughter that greeted the Muhammad speech. "He's a stone bigot ... with little education." the congressman said. "Yet he is setting the tone for black college students."

Mr. Muhammad's strategy during that

controversial speech offers insight into the roots of his influence. He made himself the champion of insecure and unsuccessful students by saving that whites look down on blacks at the school. He then said that Jews who condescended to black students disrespect a superior race who are "your mother and father biologically, and genetically and historically and that we are the mother and father of all the disciplines, all the sciences."

Mr. Muhammad then spoke directly to the contradiction of growing black political power in the United States. He named politicians such as "Stinkin" David Dinkins," and "Uncle Tom Bradley." Representative John Lewis of

Georgia. Representative Mel Reynolds some Negro, some boot-licking, butt-licking, bamboozled, half-baked, halffried, sissified, punkified, pasteurized. homogenized nigger that they can trot out in from of you

He then added to the list Jesse Jackson, well-known academics, athletes and entertainers before concluding that "many of our politicians are in the palm of the white man's hand, but in particu-

lar of the Jewish white man's hand." The only use he has for black politicians is to have them support reparations for blacks. He is succeeding at this because growing numbers of middleclass blacks ignore him, while those who feel disenfranchised feel increasing anger. That is the rage Mr. Muhammad is tapping, and that other black leaders are ignoring at their peril.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Use Making Scapegoats of the Mediators

In his article "A Patchwork Map for Yet More War in the Balkans," (Opinion, Feb. 17), Charles H. Fairbanks Jr. makes some important factual errors. Unlike with the earlier Vance-Owen peace plan there is no Owen-Stoltenberg map as, indeed, there is no Owen-Stoltenberg plan. The mediators have worked with the parties on the basis of their differing claims and proposals.

Professor Fairbanks can certainly criticize what has emerged, but it is no use to make the mediators the scapegoal. It is worth recalling what hap-pened after the Vance-Owen peace plan was set aside in the Washington meetings of May 20-22 last year.

In early June the co-chairmen, David Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, were approached by President Franjo Tudi-man of Croatia and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia proposing that there be three republics formed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Their initial suggestion provided little more than 25 percent of osnia-Herzegovina for a predominant-

Throughout the summer the co-chairmen, who had reported fally to the UN Security Council and the European Union foreign ministers, mediated negotiations between the parties aimed at clarifying questions which President Alia Izetbegovic had highlighted and at achieving a larger, more viable and com-pact Muslim-majority republic.

On Aug. 20, there was agreement between all three parties on the constitution for a Union of Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On Sept. 20, a meeting

• Vincent Suppa, a project manager for Seagate Technology living in Thailand, is reading "Smilla's

Sense of Snow" by Peter Hoeg and "The Shipping News" by Annie

"Living so near the Equator, I read books where frigid weather is

the prominent force navigating the

protagonist through the narrative ime." (Barry James, IHT)

BOOKS...

tivism; the form wily modernism. "I al and theatrical history with an definitely wanted to seduce the intense Oedipal drama. He met

whole capital," she said of her Paris Baker when he was 14, and was

triamphs, and for her, seduction was always conquest. "It is a duel between them and me," she said of the audiences whose love she craved.

Through the years she treated him like a son and like a serf. He read everything about her he could

"My heart becomes as hard as my find, he writes, "because I loved

fist, it's a matter of winning."

It always had been. Baker won out against a childhood of penury and cruelty. She won the Croix de drove him to do vast amounts of

Guerre for her work with the valuable research.

on board H. M. S. Invincible came close to a settlement providing the mainly Muslim republic with 30 percent of the territory, access to the Sava River in the north and a navigable port on the Nererva River suitable for seagoing container ships, as well as a 99-year lease and guaranteed access to the Croatian port of Ploce. Sarajevo would be under UN administration and Mostar under EU administration for a period of two years during which time the parties undertook to negotiate on a long-term solution to

their conflicting claims in these areas. The Croatian and Serbian assemblies accepted this proposed settlement. The Bosnian assembly in Sarajevo, meeting on Sept. 29, accepted the proposal in principle but demanded more territory. The mediators then felt the need for

the specific support of governments, and the European Union action plan was developed. This plan, firmly based on the Invincible package, demanded that the Muslim majority republic have 33.33 percent of the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and establishment of a modus vivendi between Croats and Serbs in Croatia. After intensive private diplomacy, a

33.56 percent. At the same time, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) took the first step toward normalizing their relations. It became clear, however, that there were territories which were not included

map was tabled in mid-January giving the predominantly Muslim republic

nism on these disputed territories, but the claims of the parties were still incompatible. When the meeting ended on Jan. 19, the co-chairmen proposed to the Bosnian Serbs that they consider implementing their agreement for a UN administration and demilitarization of Sarajevo in ad-

vance of an overall settlement. The Bosnian Serbs agreed in a meeting in Pale on Feb. 5, a few hours before the tragedy happened in the Sarajevo marketplace, to enter negotiations on this "Sarajevo First" initiative, and confirmed their willingness in a meeting the following day with the co-chairmen in Zvornik, Bosnia,

Spokesman for the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia.

A Failure of the West

In response to the report "Clinton Urges Peace Push After 68 Die in Sarajevo" (Feb. 7) by Paul F. Horvitz:

What peace is being kept by the UN peacekeeping forces" in whose name the European allies rationalize their inaction? It is time to admit that while blue helmets and sanctions may assuage the world's conscience, they serve only to increase the injustice and misery of this horrible war.

It is clear that the leaders of the NATO governments lack the vision and courage to order the full-scale military action necessary to end the war, and that no other alliance or nation has the abilibut to which the Bosnian government attached great importance. The co-chairmen negotiated an arbitration mechaty to do so. We should face that reality

> scrubbed floors and stole coal to help support her family, and went to

the theater every chance she got. By the age of 11 she was clown-

ing and playing the trombone with a local family of musicians; by 13

she was married, and at 14 she left

husband and hometown to go

It was 1920, and Baker soon made her way into Broadway musi

cals and Harlem nightclubs. The

real break came when an alert and wealthy woman named Caroline

Dudley decided to take Harlem to

Paris in the form of a black revue

lt was 1925, a grand year. Fitzgerald published "The Great Gatsby," Louis Armstrong made

his Hot Five recordings and Char

lie Chaplin made "The Gold

Rush." New York had Martha Graham in "The Greenwich Vil-lage Follies"; Paris got Josephine Baker in "La Revue Nègre." One critic exclaimed: "Is this a man? Is this a woman? Is she horri-

ble? Is she ravishing? Is she black? Is she white?" Another swore Baker

had the splendor of an ancient ani

mal and the grin of a benevolent

Many saw her as a child of nature. But Jean-Claude Baker writes: "They were mistaken. Jose phine was not a natural child, she was a complicated, driven 19-year-

old. She herself had created that

'magnificent dark body' out of her

World War II made Baker the

hero she longed to be, and by the

1950s she was ready to take up the

roles of mother impresario and freedom fighter. Unable to have children, she adopted 12 from

around the world and called them

her Rainbow Tribe: a living experi

ment in universal brotherhood and

Millandes, into a combination of Monte Carlo and Disney World.

touring ceaselessly and lutilely to

These are hard years to read

about. Baker handled money badly.

and broke contracts and promises

wantouly. She treated her children

like objects and her lovers, husbands

and colleagues like abject subjects.

"Josephine: The Hungry Heart" is mesmerizing and terrifying. This

She converted her château. Les

imperial motherhood.

support the venture.

will and her need to be noticed."

north with a vaudeville troupe.

ously exposed. To bomb "strategic targets in Serbia itself." as Mr. Burt and Mr. Perle suggest, would complete the disaster by risking Russian involvement.

Divonne-les-Bains, France.

When I served as a U.S. Air Force pilot in the late 1980s and early 1990s. no cost was spared to ensure that we could fight any country on earth with ease. Now we have neither the will nor the courage to ensure that Sarajevo remains an open city. A country with a multi-billion dollar arsenal fires only arrows of strongly worded displeasure at the perpetrators of genocide.

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What exactly did sne co. It and she won 50 years of ram, fortune and adulation. Now she has won the right to be taken seriously by posterity, something she must have dearly wanted because she published five antobiographies during her life. Baker was born in St. Louis, to a laundress named Carrie McDonald and a man listed only as "Edw." on the life.

A regular visitor to this tourna-ment is Jim Linhart of Manhaitan, who at 6 feet 8 inches is one of the world's tallest bridge players. He had reason to be happy with the diagramed deal, played in a minor game at the Fall Nationals in Seat-

ile, Washington, in November. himself with 0-0-5-8 distribution, lead and played the diamond king and took a reasonable shot at six ruffing out West's ace. He then clubs following a weak two-spade nid on his right. West had good reason to expect that six spades would make, and that contract monds were established the diamond time. Neither side was vulnerable. The bidding:

East South West North ten for a ruffing finesse against Pass Pass Dol. Redbi. As South he was startled to find South suffed the opening heart himself with 0-0-5-8 distribution, lead and played the diamond king. would make, and that contract monds were established the redon-

By Alan Truscott

OR players in the New York metropolitan area, the tournament year always begins with the Tri-State Regional Championships at the Rye Town Hilton in Port Chester, New York. This year, the tournament began on Jan 11, and for the first time lasted a full week. A regular visitor to this tournament is Jim Linbaur of North tournament in North tournament is Jim Linbaur of North tournament in North tournament is Jim Linbaur of North tournament in North tournamen ing the opposition into seven o A J 74. spades. Both judgments were wrong as the sequel proved: Seven chibs was unbeatable, and South was permitted to play in that con-

SOUTH

book is a battle of wills between Josephine Baker and Jean-Claude Baker, but it is a stunning example of collaboration, too. In the end,

they both win. Margo Jefferson is on the staff of

TO OUR READERS IN AUSTRIA

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INGAPORE - "It was a miracle." Leila Florentino says with a note of religiosity. "An accident. I was auditioning for a chorus part." After the grueling suspense of 10 auditions over two years. Florentino landed the lead role, Kim, in the Broadway musical "Miss Saigon" when Lea Salonga, who opened the show, moved on.

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The voice and acting and dancing lessons paid off, even if one Christmas in New York City she was so broke she couldn't buy presents for her parents and boyfriend, now husband, the French actor, Christian Au-

Leila Florentino and Lea Salonga are both Filipino, and with the likeness of their first names, people often confuse them. Salonga received a Tony Award and kudos that reverberated across America for her performance in "Miss Saigon"; Florentino, who brought up the rear, did eight shows a week for 19 months and got a short review in New York Magazine, which called her talents

"compelling."
She left "Miss Saigon" last September and now is in Singapore — brash, materialistic, consumer-driven Singapore, which three years ago launched its government-inspired campaign to become a Southeast Asian hub for culture and the arts. The city-state would live down its regional nickname "Singa-bore," officials said. And if reservoirs of cash are what it takes to succeed in the arts,

Singapore has won half the battle. With audiences that will pay \$180 for a ticket, in the last year Singapore has drawn Michael Jackson, a Simon & Garfunkel reunion appearance. Pavarotti, Kiri Te Kanawa and the Really Useful Company's touring Australian production of "Cats." Cameron Mackintosh's \$5-million Broad-way/West End production of "Les Miséra-bles" is currently playing, and next Thursday Bob Dylan will appear.

This isn't enough, however, to satisfy local hubris. There must also be attempts to create world-class art. Which brings us back to

In 1993, Audy Lim, a Singaporean entrepreneur and consultant in the exhibition, trade and convention industry, started a joint-venture theater company in Singapore. With notes for a script, he lured Florentino from New York to star in a locally produced musical. The musical would be a collaboration between local and imported talent, and Lim's wife wrote many of the lyrics; his coproducer Edmund Ooi and his brother Raymund Ooi wrote music; Charles Strouse, a Tony Award winner, did the theme song: Koh Buck Song, a journalist for the Straits Times, operated on the script, and Robert Turoff, the former New York City director of musicals, was brought out of semi-retirement in Florida to direct. Except for Florentino, the cast would remain regional.

The "product," as Lim refers to it, is "Bugis Street, The Musical," which opened on Jan. 30. It deals with a hot subject in Singapore, also pertinent regionally: the human cost of economic development.

Bugis (pronounced Boogie) Street was an unbridled red-light district of the old Singapore before the country's march - forced



Leila Florentino

march, some would say — toward progress, which began in the 1960s following independence from Malaysia. The street, an open-air arcade, was notorious throughout Asia for its transvestite traffic and prostitution, and depending on what side of the issue you take. it was a cesspool of moral degradation or a colorful symbol of live-and-let-live toler-

ance.
The Singaporean government decided Bugis Street did not lit the country's new face, and the street was demolished in 1985. Almost immediately there was regret. Many argued that, with Singapore's massive transformation toward advanced-nation status, too much local architecture and culture had been destroyed. Moreover, Bugis Street had been a great tourist draw. Thus in 1991, a government-sponsored project resurrected the street, minus its sleazy elements, across from its original location.

MEAR THIS

■ The Académie Française has officially confirmed that there is a mistake on some of France's new 50franc bills - a wrongly placed accent in the name of the writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery. The newspaper Liberation (acute accent on the "e") had reported that an early run of the bills, about 20 percent, shows an accent on the capital "E" which is wrong. The Academie (acute accent on the first "e") Française expressed regret that the writer's name was printed so small

The musical "Bugis Street" is set in the days just before demolition, and its plot is potentially clever but thin. Florentino plays Mei-li, the heroine, a young Chinese woman who was sold 20 years earlier by a destitute Singaporean family to a British-Chinese couple. She has been raised in England but, discovering that she was adopted, she returns to Singapore to search for her parents and her roots. She works for the Urban Redevelopment Authority on the project to raze Bugis Street and must placate residents who will be moved to new government housing projects. In the process, she discovers that her father is a pimp on Bugis Street. Her mother is a suffering, heroic figure, along the lines of the mother-personae in "The Joy Luck Club." There is romance — she falls in love with a Bugis Street hawker beneath her social station — and tragedy.

The topic of the musical is provocative,

and so it is unfortunate that it fails. A major problem is the lack of timing and tension and the fact that the mystery in the drama who are Mei-li's parents? — is divulged, as in Koh Buck Song's locally published novelization of the musical script, within the earliest stages of the story. So, almost from the beginning, the show has a wooden predict-

It is enough to say that the producers took a risk and so did Florentino. She is with a regional cast, mostly Singaporean, who would have their work cut out establishing themselves in a city as far from the competitive heart of theater as Milwaukee. And so Florentino, with 19 months of Broadway polish, is a diamond in the rough. She single-

handedly carries the show. In person, she's the classic ingenue. At Singapore's Mandarin Hotel on glitzy Orchard Road, where she is staying, she sits for an interview with her legs clamped together Sunday School style, wearing a Mother Su-perior choice of a modest suit in black and white. She is disciplined, she says - yes, that is evident on stage — and being a stage actress is "tough."

The incluctable question: Why Broadway to Singapore?

Nostalgia affected her decision. She emigrated with her family to the United States in 1984 from the Philippines, and this was her first chance to revisit Asia. "I think it's good," she adds, "that I perform with Asians in an Asian production. I'm proud of that. These are the people I grew up with. You know, I got my singing from the Philippines. It's a very musical country."

"Bugis Street," which cost more than \$600,000 to produce, is scheduled to close on Tuesday. The show is riding the horns of Singapore's dilemma to become a cultural hub. The city-state is flush with cash, but its talent pool and audience population of 3.1 million are small. To succeed, locally produced shows, like the big imported ones, will have to play regionally, and "Bugis Street" wants to make the leap, to the Philippines. Malaysia, Hong Kong and Australia.

"If this show goes to the Philippines, that will really be exciting," Florentino says. Her voice drops a throaty notch: "Yeah, that'll be really exciting."

arts in Asia.



Monte Carlo, Beyond the Casino

By Alan Riding

ONTE CARLO - At first, I presumed that Monaco only appealed to gamblers rich them in the casinos of Monte Carlo. How wrong I was. Monaco draws all kinds of rich, such as those who come to eposit money in discreet bank accounts or to spend \$500 (\$85) for two for dinner or to escape inquisitive tax inspectors back home or to park their luxury yachts in the port or to . . . In fact, it turns out that most people who visit or live in the principality are not

My next discovery, though, was more in-teresting: You don't even have to be nich to enjoy Monaco. But it does help to like being around the nich — to get a vicarious thrill from admiring other people's Ferraris and Rolls-Royces or marveling at the prices in Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent boutiques or peeping into the exclusive realm of the Hôtel de Paris's Louis XV restaurant or watching expressionless men and women risk thou sands of dollars on the turn of a card.

Fortunately, there is more to do than that, A tour of old Monaco, a visit to museums, an outing on a boat, good meals at less than Louis XV prices and, why not, a bet or two at the green baize tables all make for a good weekend, above all in the winter, when the weather is pleasantly mild (summers can be stiflingly hot).

But, let's face it, this is not Las Vegas or Atlantic City. Monaco caters essentially to the rich. And to protect them, hidden cameras and ever-vigilant police officers keep an eye out for the wrong kind of visitors: Monaco thinks of itself as the sort of place where you can wear your best furs and jewels fearing nothing more than an approving glance.

Monaco, though, was not always like this. The Grimaldi family — the one to which Prince Rainier belongs — boasts that the dynasty dates back to the 13th century, but the nation was little more than a rundown town on the French Riviera until the mid-19th century. It was then that Prince Charles III took advantage of the ban on gambling in neighboring France and Italy to build a large and elaborately decorated casino in a section he named Monte Carlo. Fancy hotels soon followed and, within a decade or two, Monte Carlo had become a sybaritic playground for

throne in 1949 at the age of 25, however, Monaco had acquired a more sleazy reputation, which he was eager to shake off. The turning point came in the 1950s, when his maniage to Grace Kelly wrapped the princi-pality in an aura of romance. After that, while still wooing gamblers, Monaco began selling itself as a tax baven for the rich.

Today, five out of six of its 30,000 inhabitants are not natives of Monaco, although of course not all are rich: many work in hotels, restaurants and banks. Nonetheless, three annual events — Le Bal de la Rose on March 12 this year, the Monte Carlo Tennis Open between April 16 and 24 and the Formula Grand Prix car race on May 15 - never fail to draw the international jet set. .

The country's three distinct eras can still be seen in its architecture. On one hill stands the Royal Palace and the old town, Monaco Ville, dating from the 15th and 16th centuries. In the summer months there are guided tours of the palace, but I had to make do with watching Prince Rainier's toy soldiers changing the guard — a daily event that takes place at precisely 11:55 A. M. It is not exactly Buckngham Palace, but there is always a small crowd in attendance as a little band accompanies the seven soldiers in blue hats, black jackets and blue trousers as they march from the 18th-century barracks in front of the palace to do their bit for tradition.

In the narrow streets leading off the plaza in front of the palace toward the quaint Place de la Mairie, there are scores of souvenir shops and modestly priced Italian restan-

Another path off the plaza winds along the edge of the hill, offering a good view of the new Port de Fontvieille marina below, and leads to the cathedral, a 19th-century neo-Romanesque building that contains roy al tombs. The path then heads into gardens — with palm trees, no less — that slope down toward the sea and, in summer at least, offer a moment of respite.

Monaco has several historical museum but not to be missed if children are in tow is the nearby Oceanographic Museum, which dates from the turn of the century and stands impressively on the edge of the Mediterranean. On its lower floor is an aquarium, with a splendid collection of fish from both tropical and temperate waters, some as brightly colored as parrols, others barely distinguishable from rocks and coral. The main hall,

tuses and sea lions) and another section on the technology of marine research (with fas-cinating models showing the development of diving and scuba equipment). Finally, the roof of the museum offers a spectacular view across the Port de Monaco to what a century

ago was the new town of Monte Carlo.

But isn't it time for some gambling? The Café de Paris has a casino at its rear that, after the 19th-century elegance of the Place du Casino, is frankly an anticlimax. Most is given over to banks of slot machines gobbling up 1franc, 5-franc and 10-franc pieces and, presumably, returning a few. There is also an area for what are called the "American games" -

roulette, craps, blackjack, etc. I soon left.

Below the Casino de Monte Carlo stands the sprawling Loews Hotel, which has its own casino, perhaps a tad classier than the Café de Paris's, but you could still be in a mini-Las Vegas when it comes to glitter. It. too, is divided between slot machines and green baize tables and is the favorite for Italians who slip across the nearby border

for an evening of gambling.

I was not to be disappointed, however, by the Casino de Monte Carlo, which, after all, is Monaco's main claim to fame. You enter -"properly dressed." meaning coat and tie for men — through a hall of marble columns under a stained-glass roof and then wander through one omate Belle Epoque room after another, each illuminated by chandeliers and decorated with bucolic and maritime brescoes, resembling a sort of Versailles on the Riviera:

N practice, though, this is two casinos. The entrance fee is 50 francs (\$8.50) for the European Rooms with slot machines (fairly discreetly off to one side) and tables where stakes in roulette, craps and blackjack are limited to around \$100. Here, at least, people seemed to be enjoying themselves. An extra \$8.50, though, leads to the spacious Private Rooms, which are not in fact private but are simply where serious gambling takes place.

The smell of expensive cigars hangs in the air, cognac glasses rest on tables, conversa-tions are carried out in whispers and only the click of chips being collected or handed out-breaks the silence. With minimum stakes of between \$200 and \$800 and maximums of up to \$2,700 in roulette, chemin de fer and pai gow poker, who can blame gamblers for con-centrating? You can though, just watch and what better spectator sport than ponderth its vanited ceiling, has one section on ing the inscritable faces of finely attired men By the time Prince Rainier came to the the biology of the oceans (with stuffed wal- and women for signs of pain or pleasure?

GUIDE MOVIE

Directed by Nanni Moretti,

The search for meaning. The search for direction. The search for health. On my Vespa. The islands. The doctors. These are the three chapters of Nanni Moretti's latest film, a lighthearted but fundamentally tragic odyssey narrated by the director in the form of diary entries. Shot in a deliberately simplistic fashion to evoke an almost home-movie amateurism, the film opens with a solitary Moretti on his Vespa, exploring the deserted streets of Rome in summer. His dream, he tells us as he ruminates on houses, neighorbonds, and historic sites, is to be able to dance. In chapter two. Moretti leaves Rome to explore the Aeolian Islands off Sicily,

searching for an atmosphere that

will allow him to write the screenplay of his latest film. At Lipari, Moretti finds only confusion, noise, and traffic. On another island, the director finds a society centered around and ruled by a group of children. The third chapter, "The Doctors," is the most realistic, and by far the most unnerving. Beginning with a scene from his final chemotherapy treatment. Moretti weaves the tale of his increasingly desperate meanderings through the medical purgatory of Rome, where dozens of myopic doctors prescribe a myriad of medicines and treatments for a persistent itch that only after months is diagnosed as Hodg-km's Disease. "Caro Diario," a somewhat desultory film, is held together by Moretti's wit, his self-effacing personality, and by his singular ability to conjure

surreal. Despite its flaws, it is a pleasure to experience. (Ken Shulman, IHT)

The Getaway Directed by Roger Donaldson,

Not everyone can tumble out of a garbage truck and still look glamorously tousled. After "The Getaway," you'd have to put Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin at the top of that list. Their appeal as a couple of gorgeous outlaws is the main reason to see this sleek, enterraining remake of Sam Peckinpah's 1972 action film. Basinger and Baldwin, who have been an old married couple for five months now have the wit and unabashed vanity to give this update a cynical '90s flavor. It is a tale of trust, double crosses and car chases. not necessarily in that order. You just have to enjoy watching

each other, always with a healthy sense that this movie is a lark. Fun though it is, "The Getaway" could have been a lot better.

(Caryn James, NYT)

Ace Ventura: **Pet Detective**

Directed by Tom Shadyac, U. S.

As "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," the comic actor Jim Carrey gives one the most hyperactive performances ever brought to the screen. With his hair swept into a precarious leaning tower, his eves wide as saucers. moving in spasms, he suggests Desi Arnaz as Don Knotts on speed. Only a child could love Carrey's character, but that may be the point. The scenes of Ace communicating with the menagerie of pets

he lives with hint at an endearing wackiness that is abruptly undercut by the movie's ridiculous plot. The story concerns the kidnapping of the Miami Dolphins' mascot. a dolphin named Snowflake. Ace, taking time off from his quest to find a true albino pigeon, is not quite as dumb as he seems. He succeeds in returning Snowflake to the Dolphins just in time for it to appear at half-time in the

Super Bowl (Stephen Holden, NYT) L'Enfer

France. Chabrol has made a specialty of probing the bourgeois front to examine the pathology that lurks beneath French social behavior. Infidelity, deception, and homemade suffering are his bread and butter, with a dollop of poison in the air that may lead to a murderous conclusion. No wonder he was tempted to

adapt this scenario on jealousy

from an unfinished film by Henri-Georges Clouzot, his occasional bridge partner: the man who made "Les Diaboliques" was also a compoisseur of the unquiet ménage. Paul (François Cluzet) runs a lakeside resort; flirtatious Nelly (Emmanuelle Béart) has time on her hands; soon amorous teasings and gnawing suspi-cions turn into a full-fledgeddelirium. It is as if Paul were writing his own scenario, film-Directed by Claude Chabrol,

ing his own hell. He follows Nelly to town and sees or pic-tures the worst —at best, she is not an innocent Desdemona. Beart plays the child-wife with grace, but you never believe in her duplicity for long because Chabrol's irony invades the film, eroding suspense. The di-rector loves this subject so much, he shows his hand: instead of sly insinuation, each morbid imagining is drummed out. Paul's hell amuses Chabrol more than it moves us.

(Joan Dupont, IHT)



François Cluzet and Emmanuelle Béart in "L'Enfer."

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Flying in the Face of the Recession

By Roger Collis
nternational Herald Tribune

HE recession has become the mother of invention. Business travelers who are fed up with outrageous business fares are learning to use discounted economy fares and holiday packages to business destinations such as Brussels, Amsterdam and Madrid.

What about flexibility? Well, how much flexibility do you really need on many trips? And how much are you ready to sacrifice for And how much are you ready to sacrifice for a ticket that can be less than 30 percent of the price of a fully flexible ticket? For that kind of money it pays to buy another ticket to come back if your plans change, and throw the return half away.

The cheapest tickets must normally be bought 14 days ahead and then there is the Saturday-might-stay nonsense, a condition de-

Saturday-night-stay nonsense, a condition designed to prevent business people buying fares that are meant to fill up the back of the plane. The solution is to trawl the small ads for a consolidator who specializes in the destination you need. He may be able to waive the advance-booking-plus-minimum-stay re-quirements, and shave a few dollars off the published fare. Or else add a weekend to your trip. Many large city hotels slash their rates by as much as 50 percent on weekends.

As routes become more competitive, the growing price gap between business class and economy has become more serious. Take London-Nice, for example. The roundtrip business fare on Air France, British Airways and British Midland is £577 (about \$850). There is a so-called EuroBudget round-trip fare of £393 (a back-of-the plane fare except for BM) that allows you to change your return by upgrading to the full business fare. Round-trip discount fares range from £119 to £277 with advance purchase and the Saturday night.

London-Nice is a paradigm for what will happen on other routes where more than two carriers compete. Air France has introduced its Eurochallenge fare on services to 15 countries in Europe; it is aimed at business travelers, who want a flexible ticket for 10 to 27 percent less than they're paying in business class. It's a start, but you're likely to pay top dollar for flexibility for some time yet.

Here are some ways to cut corners:

Fly/stay packages can give you the flexibility you need for one-third the cost of putting together the same trip yourself.

The Frequent Traveler

Many city-break specialists can provide one-to three-night midweek packages at a four-or five-star hotel for about the same price as the round-trip business-class fare.

 A good travel agent should be able to get you the "corporate rate" (15 to 30 percent off the rack rate at hotels with which they have a volume discount). Many of the major chains are featuring discounts (up to 50 percent) at hotels throughout Europe. Look out for summer "sales"; weekend rates and packages in various guises. So you can bring

your loved one along on expenses, and enjoy.

• Hotel Express International offers 50 percent off at more than 800 hotels in Europe. Consider joining the International Airline Passengers Association (take the cheap membership without insurance) for the hotel discounts it offers.

• Back-to-back excursion tickets are one way of getting around the Saturday night stay and booking restrictions of APEX/PEX tickets. This works best for people who commute or travel regularly between two cities. Let's say you work in Paris and visit Zurich on weekends. You buy two tickets, one at either end. Monday you fly to Paris on the first ticket and back to Zurich Friday on the second ticket. The following Monday you use the return half of the second ticket and on Friday the return half of the first ticket. And so on. You thus save up to 50 percent on full economy fare.

 Air passes can offer major savings.
 SAS's Visit Scandinavia air pass covers domestic flights within Denmark, Sweden and Norway, plus international services in the three countries. Passes are available to residents of most European countries. In Brit-ain, for example, you can buy one coupon for £50, and two for £100, Additional coupons (maximum six) cost £40 each. Each coupon is valid for one flight sector. You must buy an APEX/PEX ticket on SAS to Scandinavia.

 When it comes to car rentals, savvy travelers never pay the walk-up rate. A lot of people can get discounts through companies and club memberships. But the best deals are nondiscountable business/leisure rates that you book in advance for rental abroad. Major firms offer much the same. Hertz and Avis have Business Class; Europear Interrent has Business Drive and Budget has Business Traveler. Leisure deals worth looking for are Hertz Europe on Wheels, Affordable Europe (for North Americans) and Europcar's Super Drive. Always look for promotions. For example, Hertz has a spe-cial rate for Spain valid to March 31. A group A car booked from France is 28 percent lower than the normal Europe on Wheels rate — 1,407 francs (about \$240) per week, unlimited mileage, taxes and insurweek, unminted indicage, taxes and insurance. Major firms offer one-way rentals (often without drop-off charges) between major
cities in Europe. One-way rental is a great
way to bridge the gap with an APEX/PEX
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IN THE CLUBS

Hong Kong's Neptune: Nightlife Basics

By Kevin Murphy

ONG KONG - Wearied by Hong Kong's pseudo-sophistication and steep prices for under-whelming entertainment? Well, the subterranean Neptune Disco, a nightchib for dancing types and sociologists alike, could be the answer

Neptune, not to be confused with Nep-tune II, a nearby watering hole shamelessly attempting to cash in on a Hong Kong insti-tution's good name, is relentlessly downmar-

ket and relatively clean fun.

Many of Hong Kong island's more notable restaurants, bars and clubs cluster in Lan Kwai Fong, a small but sanitized nightlife ghetto creeping up the hill from the central business district. Area establishments range: from stylish gay bars to basic beer parlors of id, if pricey, offerings of dinner, drink and keep most of their clothes on, Neptune is a dancing most nights of the week.

Four and five-star hotels, themselves an endangered species as spiraling real estate prices make their conversion into office space a real option for owners, also offer an array of bars and discos, heavy on the glitz.

Hotel hotspots run a gamut, encompassing places where one's grandparents might enjoy sipping a quiet sherry to trendy nightchibs where patrons keep cognac bottles on display.

For closet crooners, karaoke bars abound. particularly across the harbor in Kowloon, particularly across the harbor in Kowloon, which has a bustling nightlife of its own. But those with high hopes for simple, low-rent entertainment will inevitably find themselves drawn toward the Wanchai district and places like the Neptune, whose entrance stairway is found along Lockhart Road, an often hazy memory for countless themselde of seilers. memory for countless thousands of sailors who've docked in Hong-Kong over the years.

Wedged amid home-decorating shops, constant in a town ruled by change.

The band is almost always Filipino, playing a mishmash of songs once favorites in various corners of the world. Recent decor alterations go not much further than the posting of "No Gum Chewing" signs and changing of a few colored light bulbs.

Neptune sticks to the basics - one bar, a small dance floor and booths stretching into the low-orilinged, dark reaches of the club; big music speakers and usually cold beer It's loud, smoky and dimly lit. Lighting fixtures spin dangerously low over the dance

floor and under no circumstances will the tidy old Chinese gentleman seated behind the bar stop counting money to mix a drink. But the Neptune, one of the rare places in Hong Kong to go to dance, drink too much and stay up too late, is a genuine dive for people who like that sort of thing, a reminder of the time before Hong Kong became too

self-important. (about \$3.85) for a bottle of beer. Tel: 527-



Keith Haring whose works are on show in Rivoli, Italy.

bronzes, vases and jeweiry, as well as a selection of works from the cul-

tures of Africa, the Americas and the Pacific Islands.

1960s. Victoria and Albert Museum, tel:

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Royal Museum of Scotland, tel:
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April 10: "Claude: The Poetic Landscape." 25 paintings and 50 drawings by Claude Lorrain, the 17th-century French painter, whose
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late figurative paintings of the garden and Japanese bridge at Giverny, as well as Japanese woodcuts which were an important source of inspira-tion for Monet. FRANCE

Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: 44-78-12-33, closed Tuesdays. Contin-uing/To March 28: "La Dation Vieira uting/To March 28: "La Dation Vieira da Silva." 2D peintings and drawings, 20 sketches on paper for the windows of a church in Riheims, and 5 paintings by the artist's husband, Arpad Szenes, were accepted by the French government as payment of estate taxes. Continuing/To May 9: "La Ville: An et Architecture en Europe 1870-1993." Paintings, drawings and photographs show how the European's towns of today were planned, perceived and idealized by architects and artists.

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Musée des Aris Décoratits, tel: 42-80-32-14, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To April 30: "La Palence de Delfi." 200 tin-glazed earthenware pleces manufactured in the Dutch city of Delft in the 18th century.

Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-51-51, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To April 18: "Egyptomania. L'Egypte dans l'Art Occidental 1750-1930." Egypt as a source of inspiration in all artistic domains. Pacific Islands.

Tata Gallery, tel: (71): 887-8000, open daily. To May 8: "Picasso: Sculptor/Painter." The exhibition featuring 188 sculptures, paintings, drawings and ceramics, focuses on the relationship between Picasso's sculpture and painting from the early works of the Cubist period to the monumental pieces of the 1950s and 1960s.

GERMANY

Amerika Heus Berfin, tel: (30) 211-07-59. To March 18: "Lewis Baltz: Rule Without Exception." A retrospecitive of the work of the American documentarist, including photographs of tract houses at the tool of the Rocky Mountains, the wastelands near San roamus. ar San Francisco Bay and Inner

Musée d'Art Contemporain, tel: (514) 847-6226, closed Mondeys. To April 24: "Hobert Doisneau; A Retrospective." A tribute to the French photographer, including 250 photographs taken between 1929 and 1992. It illustrates Doisneau's role as utilizes to the factor appetition." Chy panning loss.

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91-21-26, closed Mondays. To April 4: "Richard Mortensen." 150 paint-Oper der Stadt Köhn, tel: (221) 221-8221. Verdi's "Rigoletto." Directed by August Everding, conducted by Michelangelo Veltri, with Eike Wilm Schulte, Leontina Vaduva and Fran-

mania's antistic heritage. These trea-sures, dating from 5,000 B. C. to 600 A. D., have never before been seen outside of Romania.

Munich Kunsthalle Der Hypo-Kulturstif-tung, tel: (89) 22-44-12, open daily. To April 24: "Bonnard." 140 oil paint-

To April 24: "Bornard," 140 oil paintings, a screen and seven sculptures. Includes interior scenes, views from his house in Le Canet in southern France, still lifes, nucles and land-scapes by the French Nabi painter (1867-1947).

Bayerische Staatsoper, tel: (89) 22-13-16. Wagner's "Der Filegende Hollander." Directed by Henning von Gierke, conducted by Helniz Fricke, with Jaakko Ryhanen/Matti Salmin-

(11) 958-7256, closed Mondays. To April 30: "Keith Haring." 150 paint-ings, drawings, sculptures and oblects by the American artist who died in 1990 at age 31. The exhibition will

and Tel Aviv.

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Chiesa San Bertolomeo, open daily.
Continuing/To May 1: "Il Tintoretto:
Rapprezentazioni Sacre nelle Chiese
Veneziane," 15 religious pictures including "The Christening" and "The
Last Supper" from the churches of
San Polo and San Silvestro.
Museo Correr, tel: (41) 52-06-288.
Continuing/To April 4: "Pletro
Longhi." 50 paintings, 35 drawings
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Tokyo Idemitsu Museum of Arts, tel: (3) 3213-9404, closed Mondays. To March 27: "fink Paintings in the 15th and 16th Centuries." Paintings on tolding screens and on paper, as well as works by Tohaku Hasegawa and

Yusho Kaihotu.
National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays.
Continuing/To April 3: "Great French Paintings from the Barnes

Collection." Pictures selected from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes in Philadelphia.

Tokyo Station Gallery, tel: (3) 3212-2485, closed Mondeys. Continuing/To April 3: "Florentine Renaissance Drawings from Christ Church, Oxford." 100 drawings including works by Leonardo, Michelangelo and Raphael.

PORTUGAL

Teatro Nacional de São Carlo, tel: 346-8408. Bellini's "I Capuleti e I Montecchi." Conducted by Maurizio Benini, with Michie Nakamaru, Jennifer Larmor and José Bros, March 13, 15, 17 and 19.

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Hermitage, tel: (812) 311-3420. To
April 17: "Morozov and Shchukin,
Plussian Collectors: From Monet to
Picasso." The collection of the turnof-the-century art patrons includes
120 masterpieces, among them the
13 paintings of "The Story of Psyche" by Maurice Denis.

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Emoress Place Museum, tel: 336 73-33, open daily. Continuing/To July 1994: "War and Ritual: Trea-sures of the Warning States." An ex-hibition of Chinese bronze culture from the Warring States period (475-

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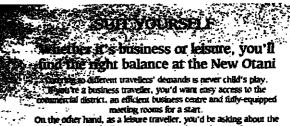
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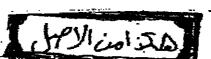
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EW YORK - In the mutual-fund business these days, every company wants to run a fund that invests in the often-quirky little stock markets in emerging markets, or what used to be called less-developed countries." According to Lipper Analytical Services, the number of emerging-

plummet, investors

markets equity funds has grown to 40, from just 22 a year ago, When markets and more are in the offing.

But the combination of overexcited investors and inexperienced managers is worrying may find it hard to some old-timers in the emerg-ing-markets game. A big con-

cern: fund investors can get out at any time, but the funds themselves cannot. This year, while some emerging markets have soared — Brazil has jumped more than 60 percent in the last six weeks — many of last year's success stories have tumbled, including Hong Kong, which is down 3 percent after doubling last year. Turkey, Thailand and

Malaysia have suffered double-digit losses. When such markets phimmet, investors may find it hard to bail out of their emerging-markets funds at an acceptable price - and

"There will come a day when everybody's heading for the exits at the same time, and there won't be an exit," said Mark Mobius, one

of the founders of emerging-markets investing and a fund manager for the Franklin/Templeton group. He is barnstorming the country right now, preaching about the minimum time horizon he thinks investors must have: five years. Until recently, impatient investors did not find their way into

emerging markets. Most such investing occurred through private partnerships or closed-end mutual funds. But as some long obscure stock markets heated up in 1993 —

Turkey zoomed over 200 percent, Malaysia 145 percent and the See FUNDS, Page 13

U.S. Trade Fight Has Japan Turning Toward Asia

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Japan will accelerate its search for new markets and low manufacturing costs throughout Asia if trade friction with the United States escalates and the yen continues to strengthen,

analysts said Thursday.

"The more acrimony there is between the U.S. and Japan, the more we think Japan will turn toward Asia," said Enzio von Pfeil, chief regional economist at S.G. Warburg Securities in Hong Kong.
While countries such as Taiwan stand to gain if Japan further opens its markets, those countries are bracing for tougher trade negotiations of their own with a U.S.

government driven by domestic demands. "If the same illogic in trade relations with Japan is applied to other countries, there is a fear the disputes

Kong. "Other countries will be asking, "Who's next" "
Washington's brinksmanship with Tokyo and the ensuing surge of the yeu against dollar that underpins

Transport costs and go tors in Japan's favor."

Several Asian countries to the yeu against dollar that underpins most other Asian currency values has wide-reaching consequences for regional investment and trade

In the short term, analysts said Washington's efforts to expand market access to Japan would mean higher costs for Asian countries reliant on Japanese imports if currency speculators continue to push the yen to lofty levels that economic fundamentals do not support.

Japan accounted for 49 percent of Hong Kong's retained imports in 1992. Corresponding figures for China were 33 percent; Malaysia, 30 percent; Thailand. 29 percent; Tawan, 28 percent; Singapore, 27 percent.

and South Korea, 23 percent.
"We haven't seen much substitution of American and

Several Asian countries also have substantial vendenominated government debts, with Indonesia, Malaysia and China potentially facing higher repayments because of the currency turmou that has accompanied Washington's hard-line challenge to Japan.

But one advantage of a strong yen for Asian exporters could be additional orders from Japan, where the recession has caused consumers to opt for value over the prestige of domestic brands.

Countries such as South Korea — Japan's closest

competitor in the high-tech manufacturing and valueadded consumer goods arena — also stand to win extra orders from North America and Europe. China also could benefit from an unstable ven-

dollar environment, Mr. Von Pfeil said. could become quite arbitrary," said Ajay Singh Kapur, European goods for Japanese exports in Asia based on But continued currency volatility and a strong ven chief economist with Peregnine Brokerage Ltd. in Hong price," Mr. Kapur said. "Traditional relations, lower threatens to undercut economic recovery in Japan and But continued currency volatility and a strong ven

development. "Japan's ability to import Asian products and expand its direct investments in Asian economies is undermined at the levels the yen has now reached," said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, an economist with Morgan

Stanley & Co. in Tokyo. While Japan remains a major source of new funds for developing economies in China and Indonesia and for stock markets throughout the region, currency volatility threatens to slow the fixed investment flows. it also could prompt repatriation of money committed to dollar-linked securities.

"A chronically debilitated Japan is more of a liability than an asset to the rest of Asia," said Miron Mushkat, Lehman Brothers' chief Asian economist. "A strong yen assists Japan in investing further in Asia, but not

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Airbus Says U.S. Violated **GATT**

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches PARIS - Airbus Industrie accused the United States on Thursday of violating provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in securing a \$6 billion aircraft order from Saudi Arabia.

A spokesmen for Airbus, the Enropean civil-aircraft consortium that was competing for the order, ac-cused President Bill Clinton of "blatant political interference and leverage" in obtaining the business.

"We find it very strange that this order was announced at the highest political levels in the U.S. while we have yet to receive any response on our proposal," the spokesman said.

Sandi Arabia, at a White House news conference, said Wednesday it would buy 50 commercial jets from Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. to replace aging planes in the fleet of Saudia, the kingdom's official airline.

Industry analysis said a recent agreement by the United States on restructuring \$9.2 billion of Saudi defense debt was a key to winning the commercial aircraft order for U.S. companies.

If that is the case, the United States may have violated Article Four of the GATT code, the Airbus spokesman said. That article bans inducements relating to "defense and national security policies and ·program."

> Airbus, a consortium of companies from Britain, France, Germany and Spain, noted that Mr. Clinton said in August that he had telephoned King Fahd of Saudi Arabia in support of the U.S. offer.

> But France, where Airbus is based, also lobbied heavily for deals in Saudi Arabia. Prime Minister Edonard Balladur visited the kingdom last month in a bid to improve relations.

Saudi Arabia later placed a 9 billion franc (\$2 billion) order with French companies to modernize anti-aircraft missiles, frigates and supply ships.

Sandi Arabia has invited the U.S. manufacturers for detailed talks on March 20.

would center on the financing, which in turn would determine how the order would be split between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

was still open and had been extended until March 1 at Saudia's request. ■ U.S.-German Air Talks

Negotiations between the United States and Germany on air links between the two countries ended reach agreement, Agence France-Presse reported from Washington. But the talks ended on friendly

O'Reilly's Next Big Play Analysts Question U.K. Newspaper Bid

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Even for Tony O'Reilly, the last month has been extraordinarily busy. The dashing ex-rugby star, chairman and chief executive of H. J. Heinz Co., and chairman of Ireland's largest newspaper company has been jetting around the globe. In South Africa last week, fresh off the plane from Japan and Australia, he was on hand for ceremonies marking his acquisition of 31 percent of that country's largest newspaper company, while in Britain his aides were upping the ante in the effort to take control of the publisher of the respected newspapers The Independent and The Independent on Sunday. In a daring move, they snapped up 24.9 percent of

its shares, paying a top price in the open market.

Such performances once drew gasps of admiration, but not this time. In Britain, analysts instead wondered why Mr. O'Reilly wanted any part of The Independent's improfitable parent company, Newspaper Publishing PLC. For anyone without a strong local base, the newspaper "is more a vehicle for self-promotion than for making money," one London

In America, the reaction was even harsher. "You get the feeling that he is only spending 25 percent of his time at Heinz," said William Leach, an analyst with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jeanette Securities Corp. in New York.

Fifteen years after Tony O'Reilly took over at Heinz and turned the sleepy Pittsburgh-based food group into an international force, the tide has turned. Once lauded as a superb manager and paid accordingly — in 1991 his salary, bonus and stock options at Heinz netted him \$75 million - he has seen the company stumble in recent years, wearing thin his once glided reputation.

In one of the kinder assessments of today's Tony O'Reilly, a Prudential Securities Inc. analyst in New York, John McMillin, said, "I think he is not as good as everyone said he was in the 1980s and not as

had as everyone says he is in the 1990s."

Many on Wall Street trace the problems with Heinz and with Mr. O'Reilly back at least three years. Then, as with a number of other food companies, Heinz's consistent record of earnings growth collided with stagnant markets.

Unlike his peers, however, Mr. O'Reilly continued to promise brighter tomorrows. To make mat-ters worse, they say, he delivered on that promise by selling assets and engaging in tax treatments of earnings that many regard as aggressive to the point of questionable.

He has used more tax credits than I knew even

existed," Mr. McMillin said. In an interview, Mr. O'Reilly acknowledged what

he called the "controversy" created by his accounting, but he said simply that it was the responsibility

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of any good chief executive to take tax credits

where you can get them."

Still regarded as a brilliant raconteur and a speechmaker without equal in corporate America, analysts say the Irish-born Mr. O'Reilly may have been a victim of his own considerable achievements.
"He kept expectations too high," Mr. Leach said.
"He kept pretending that Heinz was doing better

Mr. O'Really rejected that accusation. Only "fi-nancial illiterates," he said, could fail to see in Heinz's admittedly complex set of accounts what its actual operating experience has been in difficult markets. He also holly denied that his outside interests had proved too distracting.

"My commitment managerially speaking is 102 percent to H.J. Heinz," he insisted, pointing out that his status as Heinz's largest shareholder places his

You get the feeling that he is only spending 25 percent of his time at Heinz.

William Leach, analyst, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

own interests solidly in line with those of the compa-

If Mr. O'Reilly has been a victim of his own optimistic forecasts at Heinz, that pattern can also be seen in some of his other business interests.

In the early 1970s, Mr. O'Reilly set up in Dublin a company called Fitzwilton PLC. By the mid-1980s,

with investors such as John Kluge, then the richest man in America, the oil heiress Ann Getty and Sandi businessman Suliman Olayan, Mr. O'Reilly was billing Fitzwitton as a future Kohlberg, Kravis. Roberts & Co. of Europe. Like that American pioneer in leveraged buyouts, Mr. O'Reilly said he envisioned Fitzwilton doing "billion-dollar" deals.

It didn't work out that way. "The company lost its way," said Kyran McLaughlin, a director at Fitzwilton's Dublin-based brokerage unit, Davies Stock-brokers. In the late 1980s, with huge debts and no profit, Fitzwilton was forced to sell many of its

Today, under the management of Kevin McGoran, a former school chum of Mr. O'Reille's. Fitzwilton is on the mend. It owns 14.5 percent of Waterford Wedgwood PLC, of which Mr. O'Reilly is chairman, plus a large Irish food retailer. Once again, the talk is of great deals to come. "I think it is

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U.S. Trade Gap Widens 37% As Imports Soar

1992 figure of \$84.50 billion as ing measures in hopes of averting a both exports and imports set retrade war with the United States. cords, but imports grew twice as fast as exports.

The deficit with Japan widened 24 percent from 1992, passing the previous record of \$56.30 billion. set in 1987 For December alone, the trade gap narrowed to \$7.41 billion from

a revised November figure of \$9.68 billion, reflecting a jump in U.S. shipments of civilian aircraft and a decline in America's bill for imported oil. In other economic news Thursday, the Labor Department reported that inflation turned in an unex-

pectedly good performance in January, with the consumer price index staying flat for the first time in more than four years. Excluding food and energy, the

so-called core index was up 0.1 per-cent, its smallest increase since an identical rise in September. Many analysts had expected

about a 0.3 percent advance in January, fueled in part by a cold winter and the demand for energy. But energy costs dropped 0.8 percent, continuing their decline over most of 1993. Food prices also were down, their first decline since June.

The Labor Department said the last time its consumer price index was unchanged from the previous month was in August 1989. A third report showed that the

number of Americans filing firsttime claims for unemployment benefits had risen by 5,000 last that was due only to lower prices; the quantity of petroleum imported

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches The U.S. government has been WASHINGTON — The U.S. pressing Japan to buy more Ameritade deficit grew 37 percent last year, to \$115.78 billion, and the year, to \$115.78 billion, and the language Japan's import barriers deficit with Japan widened to a lowering Japan's import barriers record \$59.80 billion, the Com-collapsed last week, Tokyo anmerce Department said Thursday. nounced Thursday it was putting The trade gap widened from the together a package of market-open-

> The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said, "It re-mains critical to us that we open Japanese markets." She added, "It's hard to explain continually why the trade deficit with Japan remains high year after year.

> But private economists said that even if the United States were to remove all Japan's trade barriers, its trade deficit would still widen for at least two more years because of the worldwide imbalance in economic performance. With the U.S. economy growing

more rapidly than those of its major trading partners, Americans' appetite for imported goods will continue to be bigger than the de-mand for U.S. products abroad. After Japan, China ran the largest

trade surplus with the United States, at \$22.77 billion, also a record. The United States had a trade

deficit of \$280.1 million with Western Europe, after showing a surplus The only major region where the

United States posted a trade surplus was Central and South America, at \$562 million. It also had surpluses of \$155.6 million in trade with Mexico and \$829.7 million with Canada.

America paid \$50.18 billion for imported oil in 1993, a decrease of 0.7 percent from the year before the quantity of petroleum imported rose 10.4 percent. (AP, AFP)

Volvo and Renault Decide to Go Separate Ways

By Jacques Neher

International Herald Tribune PARIS - Two months after a Diplomats have said the talks shareholder revolt forced Volvo AB to call off its planned marriage with Renault SA, the Swedish and French companies said Thursday they would take back their engage-Airbox said its offer for aircraft ment rings and be free to pursue their individual destinies.

Analysts were surprised at the speed of the decision to unwind a complex cross-shareholding agreement originally put together in 1990. They said it appeared to leave Volvo in a favorable position while after three weeks of talks failed to clearing obstacles that had threat-reach agreement, Agence France-ened to block the privatization of Renault planned for this year. Volvo's shares rose 2.2 percent

terms and the German representa Thursday in Stockholm, closing at tive is reviewing a proposal, a U.S. 692 kronor (\$86.05), up 15. official said Thursday. No date was set for a further round of talks.

The companies said they had agreed to surrender their holdings

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in each other's car and truck units but would retain minority stakes in the parent companies. Analysts, however, said Volvo and Renault would probably also liquidate

those stakes as soon as possible.

"Renault and Volvo would again have the necessary freedom of action to pursue their own coopera-tive ventures," Renault said. Volvo shareholders' objections caused the two companies in December to abandon a plan to merge their carmaking operations.

Volvo's chief executive, Socren Gyll, said the accord would give Volvo "the freedom to plan and work out our own future," adding that it now could fully use the positive cash flow being generated by Volvo's car and truck units. Volvo, the French government

and Renault agreed to terminate their 1990 shareholders' agreement

as well as their technical and industrial cooperation agreement. Certain projects and cooperative

activities, such as joint purchasing. will continue, as will commercial cooperation involving marketing of passenger cars in certain markets, "Although the strategic and fi-

nancial links with Renault are end-ing. I hope that, in the future, we will be able to work together on a number of projects in various areas of common interest," Mr. Gyll said. "We have great respect for Renault's experience and competence in our industry."

The accord is to be carried out in two stages. Volvo first will give back its 45 percent stake in Renault V.I., the French concern's truck division, in return for Renault's 25 percent stake in Volvo Car Corp. No cash would be exchanged.

of Volvo Truck Corp., with the ac-

mai amount to depend on results of the privatization of Renault. If the transaction is carried out at the time of privatization and the privatization occurs before Nov. 30, the amount would correspond to the proceeds Volvo would pocket by selling a 12 percent block of Renault shares on the open market.

Volvo owns 20 percent of Renault. If Renault's privatization is not carried out by Nov. 30, Volvo could buy the stock for 4.5 billion French francs (\$766 million) between then

and mid-1996. Analysis said the accord ap-peared to favor Volvo not by what it stated but by what it omitted, in that it would leave Volvo holding 8 percent of Renault, and Volvo

In the second step, Volvo is to shareholder in Renault after its pripay cash for Renault's 45 percent varization. "Volvo has been left with a chunk of one of Europe's volume

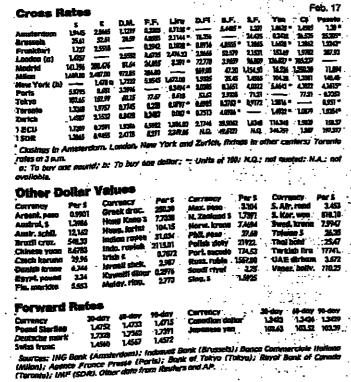
carmakers," Edmund Chew, an automotive analyst at Nomura Research in London, said. Analysts say the 8 percent block

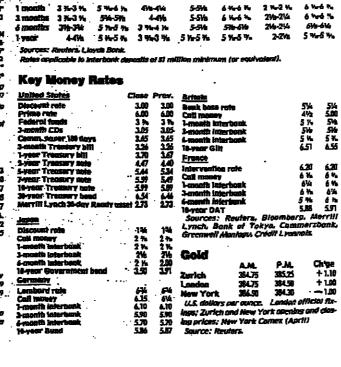
At the same time, Renault said the dismantling of the alliance

would not affect its 3.45 percent stake in Volvo, which it said would "continue to be managed as an investment in a listed company." But analysts predicted the shares would be sold soon.

"Renault doesn't have shares in listed companies," John Lawson. an automotive analyst at DRI/Mc-Graw Hill, said. "I expect it to sell the stock in quite a short time. would probably become the largest depending on stock prices."

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Targeting Global Growth, Coke Lifts Spending

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. said Thursday that it would increase its quarterly dividend by 15 percent and raise its capital spending this year by about 50 percent from 1993, mainly to expand its international operations.

The world's largest maker of soft drinks raised its quarterly dividend to 19.5 cents a share, or 78 cents on an annual basis, from 17 cents. Coca-Cola shares rose 37.5 cents, to \$41.75. on the New York Stock Exchange.

Coca-Cola also said its capital spending budget for 1994 was \$1.2 billion, up from \$800 million in 1993. The dividend increase will cost Coca-Cola about \$1 billion, although it fails to bring the

stock's yield above 2 percent a year, at the current price. The dividend will be paid on April I to shareholders of record on March 15. Coca-Cola said it has boosted its dividend for 32 consecutive years. Almost three-quarters of Coce-Cola's 1994

capital spending budget, or about \$875 million, +1.18 \$200 million is earmarked for emerging markets A.M. P.M. Chige

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from its overseas operations.

North American soft drink operations will absorb 21 percent of the \$1.2 billion outlay. with the remaining 6 percent allocated to Coca-Cola Food's beverage business. "Our 1994 capital budget reflects our deter-

mination to reinvest aggressively against the substantial soft-drink growth opportunities around the globe and to capitalize on the fact that our return on capital of 31 percent is nearly three times greater than our weighted cost of capital of 11 capital," said Coca-Cola Chairman Roberto Goizueta.

Coca-Cola is allocating a large chunk of its capital spending this year to shore up its operations in emerging markets, which provided much of the company's growth in recent years. "Recently opened emerging markets contin-

ue to experience explosive growth," Mr. Goizueta said last month. "In emerging markets like East Central Europe, China and India, we have only scratched the surface of consumption potential of huge population centers."

The company's Northeast Europe/Middle East group turned in a 21 percent unit case volume gain in the fourth quarter of 1993, while operating income surged 41 percent.

China, where Coca-Cola is investing \$500 million to beef up operations, continues to offer the company's strongest growth, posting a 34 percent surge in sales in the quarter.

For all of 1993, Coca-Cola earned \$2.2 billion, or \$1.68 a share, up 17 percent from \$1.7 billion, or \$1.43. The 1993 results reflect charges, including a change in the company's accounting practices.

Coca-Cola worldwide case sales in 1993 increased 5 percent, to \$10.7 billion, an increase of more than \$500 million and the equivalent of more than two cases for every person on Earth.

■ Figgie Suspends Dividend

Figgic International Inc.'s stock lost 15 per-cent of its value on Thursday after the congionerate disclosed a preliminary turnaround plan that may include selling divisions and restating some past financial statements, Bloomberg Business News reported from Willoughby, Ohio.

The company also suspended its quarterly dividend of 6 cents a share, saving \$4.5 million annually, and elected Walter M. Vannoy, former vice chairman of McDermott International Inc., as a vice chairman.

Figgie's class A shares fell \$1.875, to \$10.875, in heavy trading. The stock fell to as little as

\$10.75 during the day. CIT Group, a lender, gave the cash-strapped company some breathing room, including a \$40 million renewable one-year loan. The company is working on a long-term financing package with its lenders, Figgie said.

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NEW YORK - The stock market dropped on Thursday after a round of inflation jitters sent the 30-year Treasury bond to the high-

est yield since Aug. 4.
The price of the benchmark long bond fell 1 point, to 96 9/32, in late

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trading, with the yield rising to 6.54 percent, up from 6.46 percent Wednesday. The move sent shivers through Wall Street and took the Dow Jones industrial average down 14.63 points, to 3,922.64.

Losers led gainers by a 10-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange in active trading. The inflation worries were prom-

pted by remarks from Jerry Jordan, the president of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, who cautioned against interpreting current U.S. data as an indication low inflation would continue indefinitely.

His remarks came after the government released its consumer price index for January, which showed subdued inflation. That data sent bond prices higher, but Mr. Jordan's remarks and another, less reassuring report on inflation from the Philadelphia Federal Re-

serve slammed prices.
Rising inflation could speed the

Federal Reserve Board's timetable for raising interest rates.

U.S. Surgical Corp. led the New York Stock Exchange's actives list, dropping 2% to 18% after the company lost a legal battle with its piggest rival Wednesday, said it tapped out its credit lines and warned of a greater-than-expected

fourth-quarter loss. PaineWebber lowered its rating on the maker of medical supplies to unattractive from neutral, and Goldman. Sachs cut its rating to underperformer.

An initial offering from Martin Marietta Materials was snapped up, with that stock the secondmost-actively traded. The construction materials manufactures offered 7.65 million shares at 23, and the issue finished at 24%.

Boeing and McDonnell Douglas reaped the benefits of Wednesday's announcement that Saudi Arabia would split a large commercial airreaft order between the two compa-nies. Boeing was the third-most-active stock on the Big Board, rising 1 to 47%. Boeing also got a boost from a buy recom from CS First Boston.

McDonnell Douglas Glaxo's American depositary receipts rose % to 20% in active trad-

(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Dollar Closes Mixed As Mark Strengthens

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar ended lower against the Deutsche mark Thursday despite a surprise rate cut by the Bundesbank, but the currency gained against the yen on signs that U.S.-Japanese trade tensions might be easing.

Win Thin, an analyst at MCM

Foreign Exchange

CurrencyWatch, said a combination of profit-taking on the dollar's initial rise and buying of the mark on the view that the cut in the discount rate would help the struggling German economy had un-done the knee-jerk gains the dollar made on news of the German central bank's action.

The Bundesbank cut the discount rate - the central bank's cheapest form of financing for commercial banks - half a percentage point, to 5.25 percent. But it left the influential repurchaseagreement rate at 6 percent and the Lombard rate at 6.75 percent. The Bundesbank generally uses the repo rate to guide money-market interest rates between the discount

In late trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.7222 DM, down from 1.7236 DM at Wednesday's close,

bui at 104,20 yen, up from 103,80. The currency also rose to 1.4565 Swiss francs from 1.4543 francs, but it was down to 5.8645 French francs from 5.8665. The pound rose to \$1.4800 from \$1.4770.

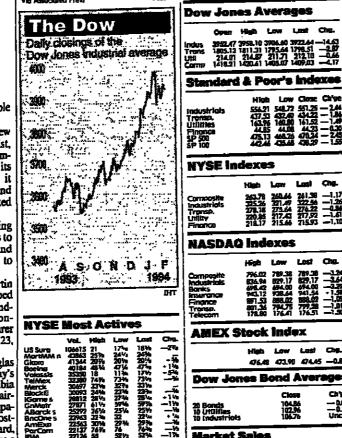
Mr. Thin said the Swiss franc started to come back against the dollar after the head of the Swiss National Bank, Markus Lusser, indicated that an imminent cut in Swiss interest rates after the Bundesbank move was unlikely. The dollar gained against the yen

on a market assessment that Japan was likely to make further concessions to the United States over trade and after the U.S. government reported a smaller-than-expected trade deficit with Japan for December, Mr. Thin said. If Japan makes trade concessions, or if trade tensions between Washington and Tokyo case for

tempted to try to push the yen higher to narrow the trade deficit with Japan.

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U.S. officials would no longer be



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FRANKFURT — Metallgesellschaft AG's su-pervisory board said Thursday it would hold the

company's former chairman and former chief fi-

nancial officer responsible for oil-futures trading

In a letter to shareholders, the board urged that the actions of Heinz Schimmelbusch and Mein-

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restructuring of the 258-company conglomerate, which posted a loss of almost 2 billion Deutsche

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Russia to Sell Telecom Stake MOSCOW — Russia's telecom-

munications monopoly, Rostelekom, will offer 22 percent of its shares to the public next month, privatization officials said Thursday. Investment-fund managers said they expected strong demand for the offering, to be held from March 14 to April 12, when the company is to sell its shares for privatization vouchers.

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Truck Demand Lifts Navistar Profits

CHICAGO (AP) — Navistar International Corp. said Thursday it earned \$16 million in the first quarter of its financial year amid improved

demand for buses, trucks and diesel engines rose.

The earnings for the period compare with a loss of \$226 million a year ago. The largest U.S. truck-maker took a \$228 million charge in the year-ago period related to a change in accounting for retiree benefits.

The Chicago-based company said sales in the first quarter were \$1.14 hillion, up from \$1.04 billion a year ago.

Transamerica Profit Up in Quarter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Transamerica Corp. said Thursday that fourth-quarter profit nearly doubled, boosted by strong performances in its life insurance and real estate services operations.

The company carned \$22.8 million, compared with \$11.9 million for the company carned \$22.8 million, compared with \$11.9 million for the same period of 1992. The results included a charge for debt retirement the same period of 1992. and investment losses in 1993, investment gains in 1992 and discontinued

operations in both years.

For the year, Transamerica's profit rose to \$377.4 million, 55 percent above 1992's earnings of \$243.2 million. Revenue for the year edged up 4 percent, to \$4.8 billion from \$4.6 billion.

U.S. Clears Delta of Pricing Charge

ATLANTA (Bloomberg) — Delta Air Lines was cleared Thursday of predatory pricing charges levied by ValuJet Airlines, a low-fare, no-fulls carrier. The Transportation and Justice departments, after a joint inquiry into Delta's competitive practices involving ValuJet, said they did not plan to pairs the matter.

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of "calculated predatory pricing," an illegal tactic in which a company
charges improfitable prices so it can till competition. In December, Delta
matched ValuJet's cut-rate fares, which are as low as \$39 one way, on flights
matched ValuJet's cut-rate fares, which are as low as \$39 one way, on flights between Atlanta and the 11 cities that both carriers serve.

MasterCard Sues Over Sprint Logo

NEW YORK (AP) - Master Card International Inc. said Thursday it was soing Sprint Communications Co. and organizers of the 1994 World Cup for violating their sponsorship agreement for the soccer competition. MasterCard said Sprint was allowed to use the World Cup logo to promote its telephone calling cards. That arrangement violated MasterCard's exclusive right to use the logo to advertise credit or charge cards, the card association said in a suit filed in U.S. District Court in New York.

The card association is seeking to stop Sprint from using the logos, and is asking for \$1 million in punitive damages.

For the Record

The Broadway theater industry contributes \$2.3 billion a year to the economy of New York City, or about a fourth of the total economic impact of the city's cultural activities, according to a study by the Port Anthority of New York and New Jersey to be released Thursday. Researchers said that during the 1992 season Broadway shows attracted 1.7 million tourists and 782,000 suburbanites, who spent more than \$266 million on restaurants and \$242 million on hotels and more than \$35 million on taxicabs.

Wang Laboratories Inc. corporate headquarters in Lowell, Massachusetts, which was built at a cost of \$50 million to \$60 million, was sold at auction Tuesday for \$525,000.

Ford Moter Co. will field its annual shareholder meeting in Cleveland this year to highlight an area factory's role in Ford's new line of cars; it will be the first time the annual session will be held outside the Detroit area since Ford went public in 1956.

(AP)

Computer Drains Accounts

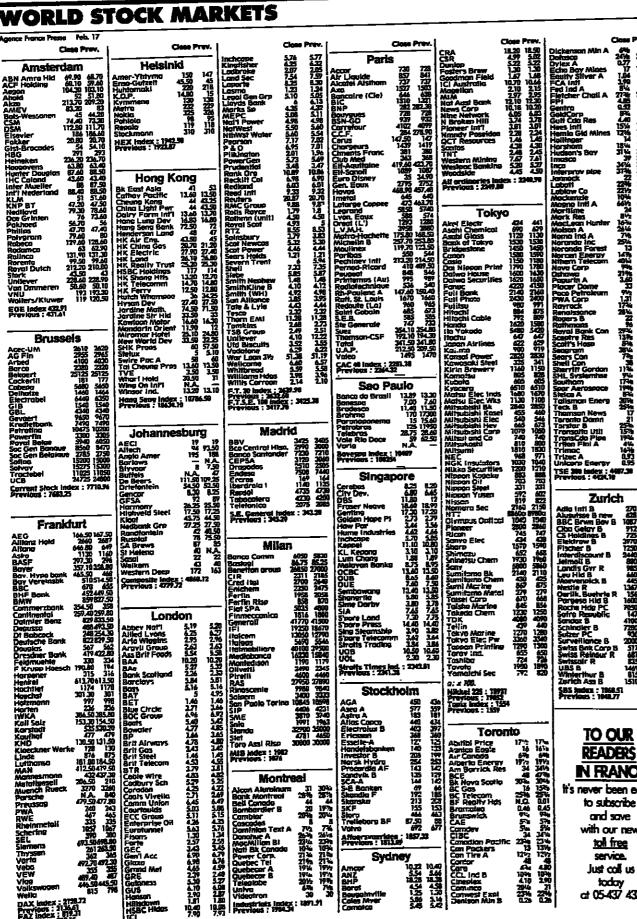
NEW YORK - Tens of thousands of New Yorkers discovered NEW YORK — Tens of thousands of New Yorkers unacted the Thursday that their bank accounts had been depleted of millions of dollars by a computer malfunction. Chemical Bank employees said.

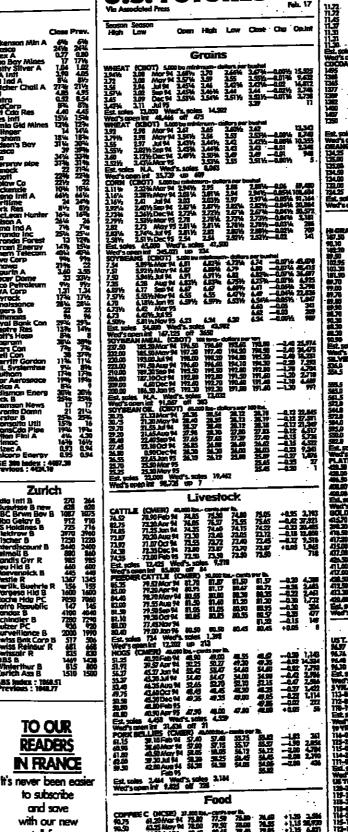
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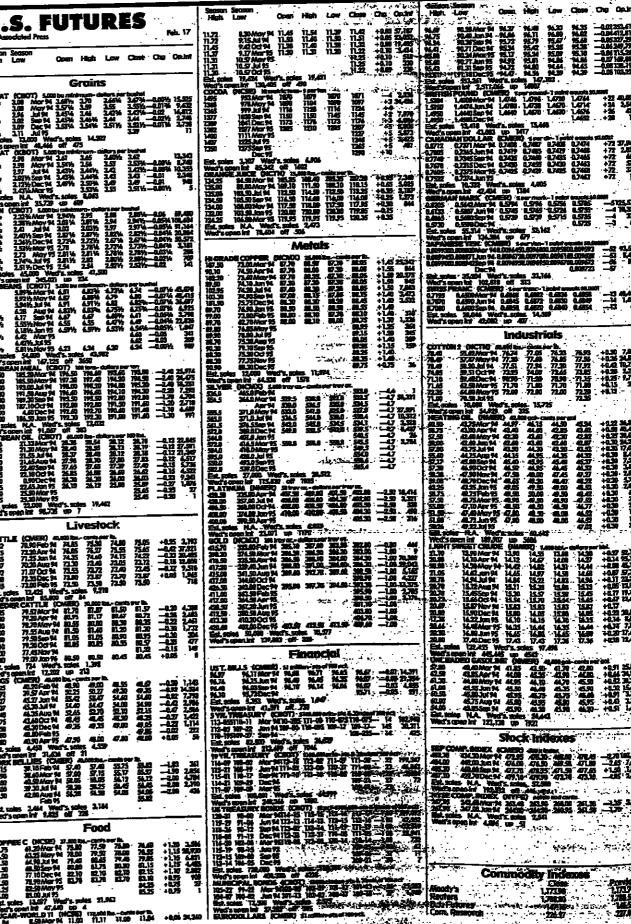
withdrawals made Wednesday twice, so that if a customer withdraw \$100 from an account, it was posted as \$200.

A bank spokesman, Ken Herz, confirmed that there had been a computer problem for several hours Wednesday in which Chemical's teller machines had double-posted withdrawals and account transfers, but he said the problem had been cleared up.

He added that institutes caused by the double-postings were being corrected and that accounts should be up to date by Friday morning. The New York City region was the only area affected, he said.







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Bayer Branches Into American Generic Drugs

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispotches
LEVERKUSEN, Germany — Bayer AG said Thursday its U.S. to gradually increase its holding in : unit, Miles International Inc., would ony a 28 percent stake in the U.S. generic drug maker Schein Pharma-

energy maker schem marmacentical Inc. for \$310 million.

"Our strategy is to safeguard and
expand our position as one of the
world's leading pharmaceutical
companies," said Manfred
Schneider, the chairman of Bayer.

"We must therefore also become a We must therefore also become a force in the generics market, which has above average growth rates, especially in the U.S."

Bayer said Schein would will continue to operate independently

TCI Unit Buys Into ITV Firm

LONDON — Flextech PLC, the British arm of Tele-Communications Inc., took a 20 percent stake in the Welsh broadcaster HTV Group PLC

on Thursday.

Analysts said Plextech's link with HTV, although a relatively small deal of £27 million (\$40 million), could be the start of a trend toward links between established Independent Television companies and broadcasters in the newer cable and satellite market. There has reoently been a spate of deals among the regional British ITV

Flextech has interests in or manages 11 cable or satellite channels broadcasting to Brit-ain and Continental Europe.

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and with existing management, but the deal allows Bayer's Miles unit

The first stage of the deal will involve cooperation between Miles and Schein in product development, production, distribution and marketing in the United States.

Schein, a privately held company that produces and markets more than 350 drugs and that reported sales of \$400 million 1993, is considering an initial public offering in the near future, Bayer said.

Schein employs 1,700 and has plants in Carmel, New York, Dan-bury, Connecticut and Phoenix,

Bayer's move into the generics market follows a similar action by its rival Hoechst AG, whose U.S. unit bought 51 percent of Copely Pharmaceutical Inc. in November for \$546 million.

"It's the way these companies must go if they want to compete," said Petra Zamagna, chemicals analyst at DB Research. In Germany and other countries, healthcare reforms and budget restrictions favor inexpensive generic drugs over the brand-name originals.

"It's been known for a while that Bayer was looking to move into gen-erics," said Thomas Schiessle, an analyst at Delbrück & Co. Privatbankiers in Frankfurt. "But it re-mains to be seen whether this move

will pay off better than Hoechst's." Copely's shares have stumbled since Heochst acquired its stake, under pressure when it was forced to recall an asthma inhalant found to be contaminated with bacteria.

"Copley is worth a lot less today than the \$546 million Hoechst paid for it," Mr. Zamagna said.

Market's a Hit in Warsaw Lines Are Still Long, But There Is Sugar

By Jane Perlez

WARSAW - As recently as four years ago, shopping for food in Warsaw was a daily struggle of endurance and curning; standing in lines, making deals, scouring the neighborhoods for scarce sugar. So the arrival this month of the first huge super-

market — with shopping carts, parking for 600 cart and enough variety at cheep prices to impress even a jaded Westerner — marked the beginning of a revolution.

Hit, a German supermarket chain owned by Dohle Handelsgruppe SD Franchising GmbH, opened for business in a renovated 10,000-squaremeter factory in the working class suburb of Wola. Ever since, lines have stretched outside the shiny glass automated doors as a mix of families and

sightseers waited to try the new world of shopping Hit has been jammed beyond capacity - 1,500 shoppers at a time - forcing the managers to

"This is quite relaxing." Magda Kowalchyk said as she eased her cart through the wide aisles, looking at the cornucopia of cooking oils, local and imported cheeses, enough breakfast cereal to confuse the best-informed consumer and outsized bags of bargain pet food. "I like to be able to get everything under one roof, it saves time. I'll be able to shop once a week instead of every day." For other shoppers, the exones of some offer-

ings provided the thrill.
"It was the first time my daughter had seen a pineapple," said Katzrzyna Mirkowska, who trav-cled 50 miles to see the store, Mrs. Mirkowska said that, like most Poles, she shopped almost daily. "I have a very small refrigerator, but this bulk shop-

ping looks very convenient."
The opening of the supermarket, which the management said would be followed by another in Warsaw within six months, explains a lot about the

changing times in Poland.

About four years ago, the most adventurous shopping in Warsaw was at street stalls run by enterprising travelers who went to Germany and brought Western goods back in their bags. Then small shops blossomed as new entrepreneurs with enough savings or enough nerve took over dark state-run stores and replenished the shelves.

The supermarket's arrival represents a jump in the development of a consumer society in Poland, indicating that enough urban consumers have the buying power to justify such a large store. It also shows that Polish producers can supply goods at a steady pace and package them to Western Europe-

Some smaller, upscale markets opened in Warsaw by Austrian and Norwegian companies emphasize Western European goods, but 80 percent of Hit's products are Polish. From a social point of view, the acceptance of

one-stop shopping suggests that more Poles are settling into a Western way of life where time means money, or at least time is too valuable to be spent running daily from the butcher to the grocer. Hit managers say that price is the big lure and convenience and glamor are secondary.

'I like to be able to get everything under one roof. It saves time.'

Magda Kowalchyk, a shopper at Poland's first large supermarket.

"When people see they can buy more and cheaper here, they will keep coming back," said Dieter Schlebusch, the store's manager, who was oversee-

ing the bustle at the 29 cash registers.

Sugar, which was rationed in the 1980s, was on sale for about 18 cents a pound, about 25 percent less than elsewhere. Gerber baby food, which young mothers are still getting accustomed to and which is expensive by Polish standards, was 40 cents a jar, 20 percent less than in other stores. And the Polish corn flakes in Mrs. Kowalchyk's cart

were 17 percent cheaper than at her local store. In the first week, purchases were fairly modest, Many retirees bought 20 pounds of sugar and not much more. Others tried a few canned goods. Even one relatively wealthy shopper was cautious: Jozef Niemetz, 29, a wrestling champion who came with wife and daughter, said his family would shop daily for milk and meat at their neighborhood store.

Hit's managers said they felt the store was off to a roaring start. Even Hit's approach, new for Poland, of buying directly from producers and bypassing wholesalers, seems to be working well. "We came to Poland because we think the country will have a good economic future," said Kurt Dohle, the head of Hit's parent company. "And people all over the world like to buy goods cheaply.

Glaxo Posts £1 Billion In Profit

Compiled by Osa Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Glaxo Holdings PLC reported record first-half profit Thursday of £1 billion (\$1.48 billion), higher than expected, and analysts raised their forecasts of full-year earnings.
Glaxo. Europe's largest pharma-

centical concern, said pretax profit rose 22 percent in the six months ended Dec. 31, as revenue also advanced 22 percent, to £2.80 billion. The results were helped by cur-

rency gains, but sales were up 13 percent after excluding such gains, about twice the growth rate of the industry as a whole over the period. Glaxo shares jumped more than 3

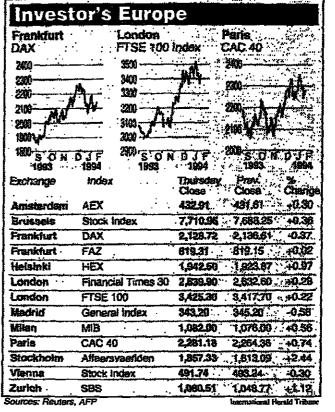
percent, closing at £6.98, up 22 pence, on London's stock exchange.

Analysis had been expecting pretax profit of £980 million or less. Nigel Barnes of the Hoare Govett brokeage house said he planned to raise his forecast of Glaxo's pretax profit for the year to £1.95 billion or more from £1.91 billion.

The one disappointment in the results concerned the ulcer drug Zantac, the world's best-selling medicine, which appeared to be running out of steam after 12 years on the market. With £1.20 billion in sales, Zantac still accounted for 43 percent of revenue, but its underlying growth rate, excluding foreign-

currency gains, was only 5 percent. Glazo's chief executive, Sir Richard Sykes, said the company had made plans to improve its position in the United States, where competition is intensifying in the healthcare market.

Analysis said Glaxo was expected to announce a relationship in the next few months with one or more American pharmaceutical companies and a pharmacy benefit management company to compete with Merck & Co. after its recent takeover of Medco Containment Services Inc. (Reuers, NYT, AFX)



Very briefly:

Lyonnaise Communications, a unit of Lyonnaise des Eaux Dumez SA, France Telecom. Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télédiffusion and TFI expect to launch a pay-per-view television channel in May.

Lyonnaise des Eaux said that the television network M6, in which it bolds a major stake, will be taken public this spring,

 Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Honda Motor Co. executives are to meet in Tokyo later this month to discuss the future of Honda's relationship with Rover Group. Honda holds a 20 percent stake in Rover and unsuccessfully bid to raise its stake to 47.5 percent. British Aerospace PLC said last month it had decided to sell 80 percent of Rover to BMW.

• Kværner A/S, the Norwegian shipbuilding and industrial conglomerate, said its pretax profit surged 41.5 percent in 1993, to a record 1.32 billion kroner (\$172 million), and predicted strong earnings again in 1994. It cited good results in shipbuilding and energy operations.

Dutch unemployment rose to an average of 480,000 in the three months ended in January, the highest level since 1987. The unemployment rate for the period was 7.5 percent, up from 5.8 percent a year ago.

 Kleinwort Benson Group, the British merchant bank, said pretax profit rose 148 percent, to £111.7 million (\$165 million), and said all divisions had contributed to the rise.

O'REILLY: Stock Analysts Find Heinz Chief's Bid for The Independent of Britain a Questionable Pursuit

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on the threshold of doing important things," Mr. O'Reilly said.

To keep Mr. O'Reilly apprised of the company's progress, Mr.

McGoran faxes to Pittsburgh the minutes of each week's executive meeting. He follows that up with a phone call on Saturdays to Mr.

It is a reporting pattern almost identical to the one followed by Liam Healy, the chief executive of Mr. O'Reilly's other Irish enterprise. Independent Newspapers PLC. Unlike Fitzwilton, though, Independent Newspapers ranks as a huge success. Its papers, which range from downmarket tabloids to quality broadsheets, dominate every one of their

Analysis landed independent Newspapers' new stake in the expanding rest.

South African market, where Mr. O'Reilly's personal friendship with Nelson Mandela played a key role, and its acquisition last week of a small London-based owner of advertising papers. But they expressed doubts concerning the company's pursuit of Newspaper Publishing.

In the face of those doubts, Mr. Healy steadfastly insisted that in the hands of experienced newspaper owners, Newspaper Publishing could be undead head to profitability.

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"We feel it can be brought back to profit and its days of glory," he said. But in the contest for Britain's Independent, Mr. O'Reilly faces an opponent that many people agree has commercial logic on its side. It is a consortium consisting of the company's founders plus El Pais of Spain and La Repubblica of Italy, who together already own 47 percent of the company. With Britain's Mirror Group PLC, they are seeking to buy the

The business logic of the transaction hinges on the consortium's ability to cut costs by combining such operations as printing and advertising with those of Mirror Group. Mr. Healy maintained that those savings would come at the expense of

the newspaper's greatest asset, its political independence, because of the link with the left-leaning Mirror Group. He insisted he could cut enough costs and market the paper vigorously enough to turn it around.

Mr. O'Reilly said his interest in the struggling British newspaper stems from neither altruism nor ego. He said he was not even sure he would take

either of the two board seats his group is currently seeking.

Furthermore, he said he saw profit looming in the future. "It is a slow buck, but an honest and an honorable buck," he said. Mr. O'Reilly also sits on the board of Washington Post Co., which owns half of the International Herald Tribune.

IBM Scraps Low-End Line

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - International Business Machines Corp. is closing its European Ambra business to focus on its own brand-name products, IBM Europe said Thursday.

"Increased compension from our own IBM products have taken over the positions of Ambra Europe," IBM said. IBM said Ambra had about 1 percent of Europe's low-end computer

market. It plans to withdraw the products from Europe on March 31, although the U.S. Ambra business will not be affected. TBM has recognized that the

low-end market is so fiercely competitive that sales depend on big marketing pushes," said Steve Brazier, an analyst at Da-taquest Inc. in Britain. "And IBM doesn't want to push two

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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One year ago, the Boston beho-moth Fidelity Investments changed the name of a tiny fund to Fidelity Emerging Markets. By the end of the year, the fund had \$1.9 billion in its coffers. Despite a sharp sel-off in many emerging markets in January, which has put the fund in the red this year, its assets now top \$2 hillion — almost as big as \$ri Lanka's entire stock market.

Emerging-market investment gu-rus remain enthusiastic about the long-term cutlook for countries whose economies are growing far faster than America's or Western Europe's. But they concede that they are investing in stock markets, and that markets are vulnerable to all kinds of problems.

For example, the Hungarian stock market surged about 80 percent in January as Western inves-tors plunged in. It then lost almost 20 percent of its value in a matter of days, and has now bounced back a

The biggest victim of its own success right now may be India. Managers report that it takes weeks, if not months, to buy or sell a stock, and requires a mountain of paperwork. Sometimes it is just impossible. Over the last few years, Indian stock markets have closed for days because of strikes, explosions or scandals.

India may be an extreme case, but it is not alone. A recent survey of investment managers by the Chi-cago consulting firm Ennis, Knupp & Associates, found that many managers are so concerned about liquidity that they have held back on investing in South Africa, Indo-nesia, Taiwan, Chile, India and

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beyond a critical threshold, which

"As much as this is only a bilateral thing the Americans must maintain a multilateral approach.

Taipei and Washington begin

"We are probably not losers in

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Ms. Sasaki-Smith said.

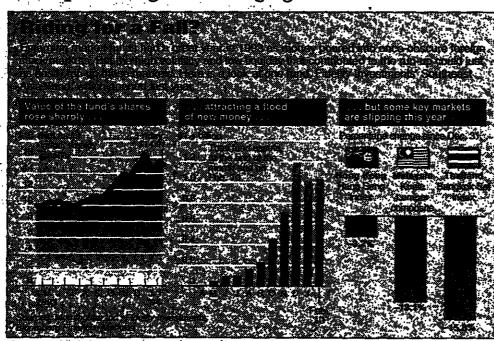
trade talks on Feb. 24.

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TRADE: Ramifications for Asia

While Japan is in the trade spot-light now, other Asian countries the services sector," Mr. Kurz said with long-term trade surpluses with Washington's determination to

the United States are focusing on confront Japan may extract some their own disputes with Washing-concessions that will boost regional



other markets, too.

"In almost every emerging market, typically the systems are very slow, and there's a lot of paper that can be lost," said Daniel Duane, who runs Prodential's global funds, "Inevitably, there's a lot of foot-dragging on settlement, especially when someone has to pay you mon-

Even relatively liquid markets, such as Hong Kong, Malsysia and Singapore, experience wild swings as government policies change and as foreign money surges in and out. Tarkey.

Liquidity — the ability to buy or sell a stock quickly and easily, with

that Taipei can expect difficult ne-

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trade overall. But economists

warned the strategy could backfire
if a heavy-handed approach by the
U.S. government strengthens the
appeal of an Asian only trade
group championed by Malaysia.

Japan has opposed proposals by

Malaysia to create an East Asian

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Sony, Pioneer Scarred by Yen **And Recession**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Weak economies in Japan and Europe and the strength of the yen brought poor third-quar-ter earnings figures from Sony Corp. and Pioneer Electronic Corp. on Thursday, with the latter company issuing a bleak forecast for the rest

of the current financial year. Sony said its net income tumbled 38 percent in the quarter ending Dec. 31, to 16.80 billion yen (\$162 million) from 27.13 billion yea a year earlier, although much of the fall seemed attributable to taxes. Pretax income rose 7 percent, to 56.46 billion yen. Sales, however, fell 4 percent, to 1.07 trillion yen.

At Pioneer, the news was gloomier. Net income in the latest quarter numbled 77 percent, to 1.12 billion yen from 4.91 billion yen, while pretax income slid 74 percent, to 3.00 billion yen. Pioneer's sales dropped 16 percent, to 139.85 billion yen.

Pioneer, which specializes in audio and video equipment, attributed its poor results to the rising year, weak demand in Japan and Europe and increased competition. It slashed its estimate for parent-company profit for the year that ends March 31 to 600 million yen from a previous estimate of 4.70 billion year and far lower than the 10.74 billion it carned last year. It trimmed its sales forecast to 328 billion yen from a previous estimate of 349 billion

and 382.82 billion carned a year ago. Sony also projected weaker re-sults for all of this year than last,

but it blamed disappointing U.S. box-office revenue at its films unit. Sony said overall sales this year would fall 7 percent, to 3.72 billion yen, net profit would drop 45 per-cent, to 20 billion yen. It said, however, that pretax income would rise percent, to 100 billion yen.

The yea's rise during the quarter shaved 132 billion yen off consolidated sales, Sony said. But the currency's recent advance is unlikely to affect the current quarter, as Sony has hedged its entire foreign-exchange exposure in the three months to March at 108 yen to the dollar.

Executives said a turnaround of the company's electronics division sales in Japan was the brightest sign during the latest quarter. Even though Japan's audio-visual industry sales fell from the year before, punishing Pioneer and other com-petitors, Sony's sales of all prod-

ucis except camcorders improved. Sony's two entertainment divisions turned in mixed results. Music sales jumped 9.1 percent, to 152.27 billion yen, but the movie division, hurt by poor U.S. results for movies such as Last Action Hero, sagged 13 percent, to 86.18 billion yen. Music sales were boosted by hit albums from Pearl Jam, Mariah Carey, Glo-

ria Esteran and Billy Joel. Sales of other products, notably semiconductors and informationrelated equipment such as CD-ROM drives, jumped 10 percent, to

204 billion yen. AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

Panda Looks Past the Television Chinese Manufacturer Seeks to Expand in New Lines

NANJING, China — Long a purveyor of no-frills television sets. Panda Electronics Co. is now trying to travel with a fast crowd in the fiercely competitive global telecom-numications industry.

In June, Panda hopes to launch a public offering in the Hong Kong stock market to raise as much as \$40 million for its expansion into the satellite-dish manufacturing and mobile telephone businesse

The company is an offshoot of Panda Electronics Group, which makes short-wave radios and satellites for the Chinese military. The parent's consumer businesses were separated and folded into Panda Electronics in 1992.

Now, the offshoot has some big ambitions of its own. "We hope to gradually build a large company and represent China's electronics industry globally," its vice president, Zhang Youlu, said.

That may be a difficult goal. But the company, based in the coastal province of Jiangsu, says it already had one-sixth of China's color television market and 10 percent of its videocassette-recorder market last year.

"Panda's televisions are very popular among Chinese people, and their technology is not bad," said a manager at Matsushita Beijing, the Chinese affiliate of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.

The company has a price advantage because of the 65 percent tariff Beijing slaps on television imports. For instance, a Panda 21-inch television carries a price of 2,600 yuan (\$300), while an imported Japanese set costs more than 4,000 yuan.

Panda's television business helped its revenue surge from 900 million yuan in 1990 to 2.9 billion yuan in 1993, when profit hit 170 million yuan, according to the company.

But the days of that kind of growth may be

coming to an end. For one thing, Panda's price edge could vanish if Beijing lowers its tariffs and trade restrictions on foreign electronics gadgets, as it presumably must do to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"If Panda just stays in the TV market, the outlook is not that bright," Elizabeth Cheng, an analyst at Wardley James Capel, said. "As China struggles to join GATT, it's going to lower import tariffs, and local producers will lose out to Japanese ones because of brandname premiums."

Even without tariffs coming down. Panda will still face increased competition from foreign companies that have ventures in China. In a nation of 1.2 billion people, there are only about 200 million television sets, according to China's Electronics Ministry. The gov-

"If Panda just stays in the TV market, the outlook is not that bright."

Elizabeth Cheng, analyst at Wardley James Capel

ernment forecast consumers would buy 20 million new television sets in 1994. Such numbers have already attracted Philips NV of the Netherlands, which in 1990 set

up a venture to make televisions in Suzhou Province. In addition, the South Korean electronics giant Samsung Electronics Co. recently started making VCRs in the northern port city of Tianjin.

What is more, Panda's promising start in mobile telephones, where it is one of only two major domestic players, is already under assault from the likes of Motorola Inc., which started selling its hand-held mobile phones in

China this year.
On the other hand, "the market is very big: it can't be filled by just one supplier," said

Maggie Zhang, an account manager with Mo-

China's crackdown on private sales of satellite dishes represents yet another threat to Panda Electronics' growth prospects. Last year, Panda sold 8,000 of the small dishes, in China and abroad, that allow consumers to pick up satellite television services.

Worried about the impact of Western media, Beijing has effectively banned sales of satellite dishes to individuals. Housing complexes and businesses can buy satellite dishes, but only after receiving government approv-

That is why the moves into mobile phones and satellites are so important for the company. Each now represents about 5 percent of the company's revenue, and they are its fastest-growing businesses.

To advance its position in the mobile telephone market. Panda has hooked up with LM Ericsson AB of Sweden, which was impressed by the company's factories. "I've seen a number of electronics factories

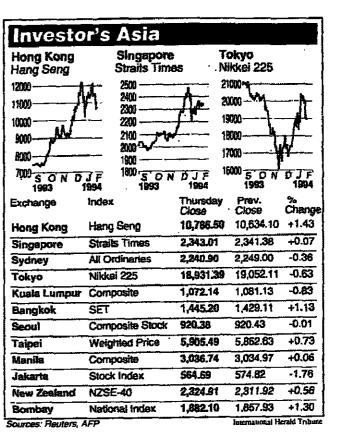
in China, and I think Panda is the best," Hans Ekstrom, president of Ericsson China, said. He said some of the Panda technical staff employed in the venture with Ericsson had gained expertise on the company's military mmunications equipment contracts.

Panda will be able to survive alongside foreign mobile-phone suppliers if it concentrates on large, cheap handsets, he said. "I think they can succeed, but still they will need

more time to do it," he said. Here, too, the potential is vast. The number of mobile phone users in China is expected to triple during the next two years to 2 million,

according to government surveys.

Motorola and others will be chasing that business as well. But if Panda can keep up, it will have a shot at fulfilling its dream of representing China in one of the world's fastest-growing markets.



Very briefly:

Fuiltsu Ltd. and Hewlett-Packard Co. plan to integrate their large-scale telecommunications networks, according to Japanese press reports, with Fujitsu's switching and service-management systems running on Unixbased Hewlett-Packard workstations.

 Petron Corp., the Philippines' largest oil refiner and retailer, said it was reconsidering its plan to include international investors in an initial public offering of 20 percent of its shares planned for May; its president. Monico Jacob, said the company would make a decision by next week.

 National Australia Bank Ltd. said it had sold 30.6 million shares. or 2.3 percent, of Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. at 5.63 Australian dollars (\$4.00) a share and had arranged to sell its remaining 2.2 percent stake; the bank previously said it wanted to acquire regional banks in Britain and the United States.

 China had a trade deficit of \$900 million in January, its Customs Department announced, as exports rose 14 percent from a year earlier, to \$4.8 billion, but imports surged 42 percent, to \$5.7 billion.

 Lockheed Corp. will reduce its holding in the Malaysian aerospace company Airod Sdn., to 30 percent from 49 percent, to allow greater local participation. Airod's executive chairman, Nasruddin Bahari, said.

 India's banking system was hit by a one-day strike by 650,000 employees, called to protest a government decision to close or merge branches of public-sector banks.

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China Reviews Real Estate Tax

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG - China will review its controversial new tax on profits from real

estate sales, analysts said. "When the new regulations are revealed in March, there will likely be a string of exemptions which will ensure the law is aimed at property speculators and not developers," said Steven Li, a tax adviser

China announced that starting Jan. 1 it would take up to 67.34 percent of capital gains on all property sales.

with Ernst & Young.

China's Regulators Outgunned in War on Fraud

BELING — As China struggles to establish rules to govern securi- about a dozen cases. ties trading blatant fraud and in-sider dealing on the country's fledgling stock markets are going largely unpunished.

Supervisory bodies exist, such as port and of cooperation among gov-ernment agencies has left them foundering in the face of corruption.

The commission has only 100 staff, few of whom few have any

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"The problem is that we have no implementing guidelines on securities trading said.

Commission, set up in October tory guidelines in May last year, 1993. But a lack of legislative support and of concernities are support and of concernities. ing them is shared between the CSRC and other government agencies, which have their own vested interests," the official said.

Insider trading, involving Compractical training. It receives hun-dreds of complaints every day, but reaucrats as well as companies, is Disagreements among the vari-

stock exchanges set up in 1991 in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

Fraud is similarly widespread, with numerous cases of individuals single coherent framework," a se-mor Chinese official involved in obtaining the securities numbers of other people and using them, backed up with take identification, to quickly sell the unssupecting in-

vestors' stocks at throwaway prices. Other parties involved in the supervision of securities trading in China include the State Planning Commission, the Ministry of Finance, the People's Bank of China and the State Commission for Re-

structuring the Economy.

by the end of 1993, formal deci-sions had been reached on only stock exchanges set up in 1991 in coordinate their efforts have served to further water down the impact of anti-fraud regulations passed in May 1993 that some analysts say were never more than a stopgap remedy in any case.

> "The regulations were basically issued for propaganda purposes so that the government could say they existed," a Western banker in Beij-

Many hopes are now being pinned on a national securities law, drawn up in consultation with several other countries and foreign organizations, that is to be promulgated this year.

But many analysts say that the new law, while incorporating some legislation against fraud, will be more concerned with establishing a framework for stock-market operations and that specific measures to fight activities such as insider trading will come later.

According to Norman Givant, an American lawyer based in Shanghai, the law will focus on curbing the spread of informal stock markets, transforming state-run enterprises into shareholder-owned companies

and regulating access to markets.

Insider trading, he said, "has not been as much of a concern to date as it should be."

Luxury Hotels Sprout In Ho Chi Minh City Saigon, is Ramada Internation al Hotels & Resorts, which

HO CHI MINH CITY -Dominique R. Nordmann is glad he put hamburger on the menu of his newly opened hotel, the Omni Saigon.

When it opened for business on Feb. 1, he described 1994 as the year of the "big bang" for Vietnam's hotel industry, referring to the opening of big hotels of international standard in Ho Chi Minh City, the country's main business center.

Three days later, U.S. President Bill Clinton lifted a 30year-old trade embargo on Vietnam, paving the way for an influx of American business vis-itors as well as U.S. investment in the hotel industry, short of top-class accommodation.

With U.S. investors will come American management companies, industry sources said.

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fencing of a site in downtown Ho Chi Minh City, formerly

tional Inc. and Holiday Inn Worldwide are also exploring opportunities, the sources said. This year, however, Asian and European companies are leading a boom that is changing the face of Ho Chi Minh City

plans a three-star, 388-room ho-

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and bringing competition to a market once dominated by state-owned hotels. Ho Chi Minh City welcomed a record 485,000 foreign busi-

ness executives and tourists last year - Taiwanese, French and Japanese were the biggest national groups — and estimates 700,000 will visit this year.

The Omni Saigon, managed by Hong Kong-based Omni Ho-tels Asia-Pacific, a subsidiary of Wharf (Holdings) Ltd., is a 248room, four-star hotel aimed at

the business market.

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SYDNE) — Burns Philp & Co., and 38 percent of that market in a diversified Australian food company, said Thursday it became the second-largest spice maker in Europe and 38 percent of that market in Germany, which is worth about 500 million DM a year.

It also will lift Burns Philp's rope with the acquisition of Germany's Karl Ostmann GmbH. worldwide spice sales by 25 percent, the company said. The pur-

Burns Philp said it bought the chase is subject to review by the German company from its Federal German Cartel Office. founder, Karl Ostmann, for 182 In the United States, Burns Philp million Deutsche marks (\$105 mil- markets brands such as Fleisch-

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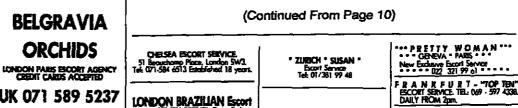
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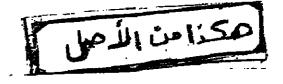
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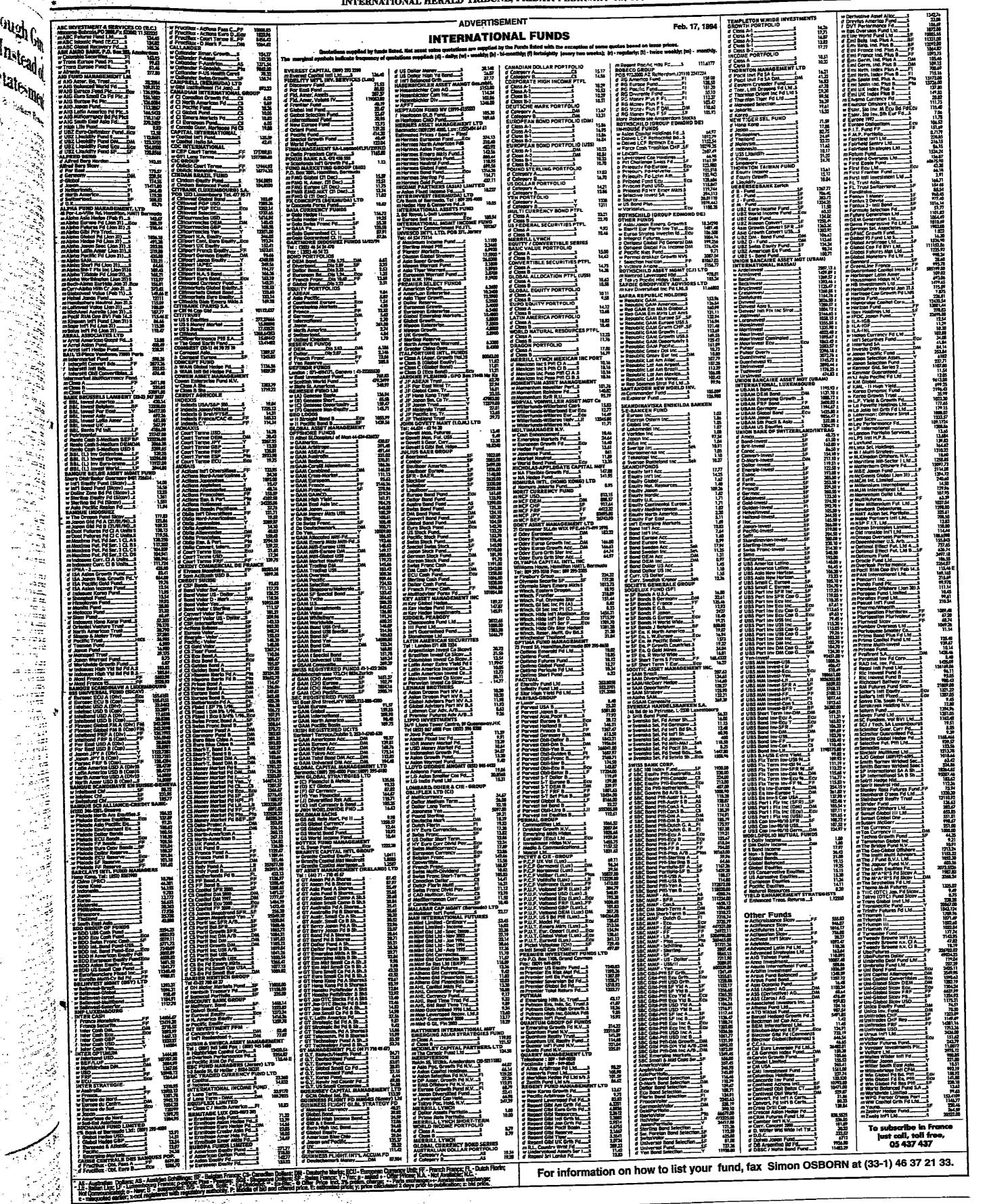
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SPORTS

For Seles, Still Shaken by Stabbing, the Struggle Is Now in the Mind

Monica Seles, once the world's topranked women's tennis player, "will not be ready to play tennis again in the near future" because she is still mentally unfit to return to the court, according to her

Seles, 20, has not played in a tournament since she was stabbed by a spectator during a match in Hamburg on April 30. She is not entered in any tournaments this year.

Since last summer, when she underwent rehabilitation at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado, Seles has used therapy sessions and conversations with other recovered stabbing victims to attempt to come to terms with an experience that she still regards as a brush with assassination. And it continues to debilitate her.

rium she deems necessary to cope with a return not only to competition, where she expects top-echelon performances from herself, but also to the tournament

during an actual match has wreaked hav- anyone," she added. "She is not entered in oc on one of her most lethal competitive

weapons: her mental toughness. Seles, who has won eight Grand Slam titles and had been ranked No. 1 for almost two years at the time she was attacked, is continuing her rehabilitation at her home in Sarasota, Florida.

Although she is practicing without pain, the emotional recovery has been slower, said her agent, Stephanie Tolleson of International Management Group. "Monica has spent the past few months focusing on her physical reha-

recoup the physical and mental equilib- on Wednesday. "However, there are still emotional issues resulting from the stabbing attack." "The speculation about Monica's re-

turn to the tour heightens as the draw for each week's tournament is announced. The fact that she was left so vulnerable and Monica does not want to mislead any tournaments this year, and she does not know when she will be able to return."
Although Seles's advisers would not

confirm it, there is reason to believe that her reluctance to return is spurred in part by an illness suffered by her father. Also, her emotional state apparently was unsettled by the assault on Nancy Kerrigan, which prompted the media to revive details of the attack on Seles. "This press release did use the word emotional, but she's not going crazy," a

source said. "Mentally, she just goes

her back, not when it seemed random, but when it was proved there was some nut again who could get to an athlete." "All of a sudden, people were linking

Seles is practicing without pain, but the emotional recovery has been slower.

Kerrigan with Monica's accident and Monica had deliberately avoided watching all that stuff," the source added.
"Then she turns on the TV and there's the tape of the attack, which she had watched. And she opened up the

ture of her with her tongue hanging out."

Seles was attacked last year during a quarterfinal match against Magdalena Maleeva in Hamburg. As Seles fell to the ground holding her left shoulder blade, the authorities wrestled with the attacker, Günther Parche, 38, who was wielding a serrated kitchen knife.

Parche, a German, later told the police that he had not wanted to kill Scies, but had hoped to hurt her so that his hero. Steffi Graf, could assume the No. 1 ranking, which Seles held from September 1991 to June 1993.

Parche was given a two-year suspended sentence in October but may stand trial again on a state appeal.

Graf rose quickly to the No. 1 spot: On Monday, Seles was dropped from the world rankings for the first time since

activity on the professional circuit in the previous 52 weeks.

For months, the termis community has hoped Seles would return and bring excitement back to the women's game, which has been dominated by Graf.

Seles was not available to comment Wednesday, nor was Graf, who was en route to California, where she is scheduled to play in a tournament next week. But Gral's agent, Phil de Picciotto, said he did not think Scies's announcement was meaningful.

"Monica has never given a timetable for her return," he said. "I think it was just other people's best guesses, educat-

In Scies's absence. Graf has won all four major women's tournaments — the French Open, Wimbledon, the U.S.

So far, Seles has not been able to bilitation," Tolleson said in a statement back and forth. The Kerrigan attack set cover of Newsweek and there was a pic- 1988 because she had no tournament Open and the Australian Open. Seles ecoup the physical and mental coulib- on Wednesday. "However there are still her book not when it same a manufacture of the statement of the physical and mental coulib- on Wednesday. "However there are still her book not when it same a manufacture of the statement of the physical and mental coulib- on Wednesday."

Peter Bodo, a journalist who interviewed Scles last month for an article to be published in the March issue of Tenms magazine, said he thought she was

in no hurry to play."
In the article, Seles said her priorities had changed since the stabbing. "So when I play tennis again, I have to play it for the right reason," she said. "I

don't want to play to get my No. 1 ranking back. I don't want to play for the attention, or to cam more. "I don't even want to play because the

world wants to see me do it, even though it's nice to know that the world is interested," she added. "I only want to play because I love the game, which is the reason I began to play at age 7 in the first

The Way to Stay No. 1 for Arkansas Is All in the Shots

Good shooting cures everything, according to Coach Nolan Rich-ardson of Arkansas, And, some tough defense doesn't hurt.

On Jan. 8, Richardson's Razorbacks were ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll when they went to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Arkansas shot 35 percent from the field -25 percent from 3point range — and lost by two.

On Wednesday night, the Razor-backs were ranked No. 1 again.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

This time, Arkansas, playing at home, made 46 percent of its shots - almost 42 percent from 3-point range — and won, 102-81. At the half, Arkansas led, 42-35.

In the second half, Corliss Williamson was 5 of 8, Scotty Thurman 4 of 6 and Al Dillard 5 of 9. Williamson scored 12 of his 20 points, Thur-man all of his 13 and Dillard 14 of his 16 during the final 20 minutes.

The Razorbacks are 19-2 overall and 9-2 in the West Division of the Southeastern Conference, Alabama is 13-8 and 8-4 in the SEC West.

Oklahoma St. 63, No. 4 Kansas 59: Brooks Thompson tied it with a jumper with 10 seconds left in regulation and won it with two free throws with 10 seconds left in OT as the Cowboys (17-7, 6-3 Big Eight) snapped a five-game losing streak to the visiting Jayhawks (21-4, 6-3).

No. 6 Duke 84, Virginia 54: Grant Hill dominated the team that held him to four points earlier in the season by scoring 25 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, handing out five assists and blocking four shots for the Blue Devils (18-3, 9-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). Jason Williford's 14 points led the visit-

ing Cavaliers (13-8, 7-5). No. 7 Michigan 89, Iowa 76: The Wolverines (18-4, 10-2 Big Ten) ex-tended their conference lead and won their seventh straight. Juwan Howard had 24 points, nine re-bounds and six assists as Michigan beat the Hawkeyes (9-11, 3-8) at home for the 13th straight year.

sin 64: Glenn Robinson had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Boilermakers (21-3, 9-3 Big Ten) withstood a late 3-point barrage by the visiting Badgers (15-6, 6-6). No. 12 Missouri 79, lowa State

72: In Ames, Iowa, Jevon Crudup scored eight of Missouri's 14 points in overtime after struggling most of the game. Missouri (19-2, 10-0 Big Eight) never trailed in the overtime. Iowa State (11-10, 1-8) had the final two shots in regulation, but Jason Kimbrough missed from the top of the key and Crudup blocked Saun Jackson's follow.

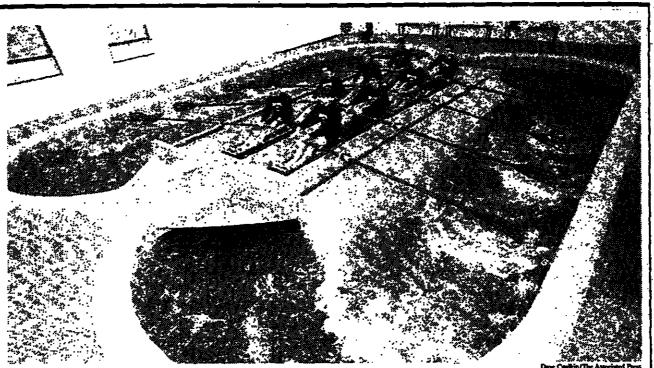
No. 13 Temple 65, St. Bonaven-ture 56: The Owls (18-4, 11-3 Atlantic 10) prevailed on the road without Coach John Chaney, who was suspended one game for his threats against the Massachusetts coach, John Calipari, on Sunday. Eddie Jones had 24 points as Temple beat the Bonnies (9-12, 3-8) for the 23d consecutive time.

No. 17 Florida 91, Georgia 79: The Gators (20-4, 10-2 Southeastern Conference East) hit the 20-victory mark for the fifth time in school history. Craig Brown and Dan Cross each scored 21 points for Florida. Dathon Brown led the visiting Bull-

dogs (11-12, 5-6) with 18 points.
No. 23 Cincinnati 78, No. 18
Saint Louis 73: The Bearcats (17-7,
5-4 Great Midwest) beat the Billikens for the fifth consecutive time as they dominated inside late. Scott (19-3, 5-3) with 27 points.
No. 20 Minnesota 94, Penn St.
66: In Minneapolis, Voshon Le-

nard matched his season high with 30 points and Randy Carter added 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Golden Gophers (18-7, 8-4 Big Ten) won their fourth straight conference game. John Amaechi had 14 points for the Nittany Lions (10-10, 3-8).

mingham 60: The Green Wave (13-9) beat a ranked team for the first time in five tries this season as Le-Veldro Simmons scored 16 points. Clarence Thrash had 15 points for the visiting Blazers (18-5).



THAMES IN A TANK - Members of the Oxford University Rowing Club practicing Thursday in a tank that simulates river conditions. The Oxford crew is preparing for the annual boat race on the Thames against Cambridge University's crew next month.

SIDELINES

Court Orders NHL to Pay Pensions

TORONTO (AP) — The National Hockey League must hand over millions of dollars in pension-fund money to hundreds of former players.

Ontario's highest court ruled on Thursday.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld a lower-court judgment that said the NHL wrongly used a pension-fund surplus in the mid-1980s to add to pensions for players still active in the league. At the heart of the dispute was \$26 million that was removed from the pension fund. Justice George Adams of the Ontario Court's general division ruled in 1992 that the NHL Pension Society had misappropriated the funds.

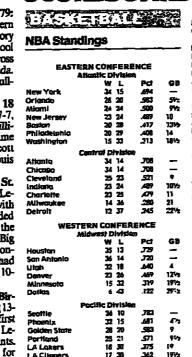
Barkley's Back, and So Are Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — With Charles Barkley, last year's National Basket-ball Association MVP, back in the lineup after missing 17 games because of a torn tendon in his leg, the Phoenix Suns struggled to get in sync and then blew past Portland with an 31-point second half for a 126-100 victory. Playing 29 minutes Wednesday in his first game since Jan. 7, Barkley scored 20 points and had seven rebounds, five assists and two steals. Without Barkley, the Sons, the defending Western Conference champions, posted an 8-9 record.

For the Record

Lou Holtz, the Notre Dame football coach, will meet with the National Football League expansion Jacksonville Jaguars to discuss the head coach's job, the Jacksonville Times-Union reported Thursday. (AP)
The 1995 Tour de France cycling race will start in Saint-Brieve, northern Brittany, Tour officials said Thursday. (Reuters) Representatives of the Players Association and major-league baseball club owners will meet March 7 in Tampa, Florida, to begin negotiations

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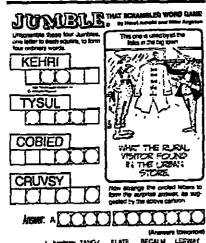
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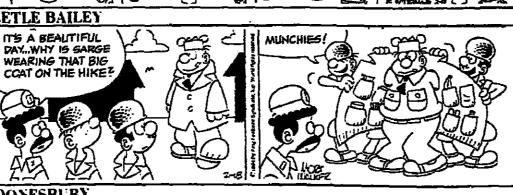
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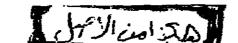




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ned - Individual 90-meter ski jump, 1130, ug - Men's 1,000 meters,

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- NHK: 2200-2400 (general); 1230-1500, 1800-0630 (satellite); 1900-1500, 1900-2200 (Hi-Vision). Papus New Guisse — EMTV: 1000-1330.

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The Silliest Winter Sport? Moguls Take the Gold

By Tony Kornheiser

Washington Past Service
H.I.EHAMMER — We were standing in the life-numbing cold, Lethe snow falling, and watching the single dumbest Olympic

medal sport ever seen; mogul skiing. On second thought, there is synchronized swimming. Make that the single dumbest Winter Olympic medal sport. The mogul event goes like this: A skier stands at the top of a hill

looking down at a course pocked with small man-made hills called moguls. The course resembles the bottom side of a waffle iron. At a given signal - in this case, appropriately enough, a recording of a rooster crowing — the skier takes off down the hill, bouncing

Vantage Point

through the moguls like an '82 Sko-da with bad shock absorbers. But it's no straight shot down. There are two mandatory jumps in the middle of the course, and once you are airborne you are judged for style on the jump. There are different jumps, like the "daffy" and the "cossack." The idea is to get as high in the air possible and do as many tricks up there as possible -like spreading your skis out wide to the side, or twisting around like a pretzel. Mogulers like to say, "Go big, or go home." It's like, uh,

So the time makes it a sports thing. And the jumps make it a style thing. Put together, it is hardly anything.

To make it even more MTV-ish, a disk jockey introduced the skiers. And the skiers shoot down the mountain to blaring rock 'n' roll that

It's the worst of all worlds. It's bad enough that, like so many other ogus Winter Olympic events, you don't actually race against people, think the double twister could have been a little cleaner." bogus Winter Olympic events, you don't actually race against people. you race against a clock. But your time doesn't win it for you. No, you have to be subjectively judged, and those points are added to your

You're judged once for style — how goofy you look during these jumps. And then again for "air." Yes, for "air." That's Hang Time. Wow! Somebody tell Michael Jordan to quit this nonsense with

baseball, and try moguls. He can be the Herschel Walker of Nagano. Each run takes about 30 seconds, a perfect length of time for the audience they're aiming at - someone with the attention span of a barn owl. And to make it more like a game show, because you have this unwieldy combination of time, style and air figuring into the scoring, you never know who wins until a computer tells you. All the while the music is blasting, and the crowd is whooping, and the Olympians are flapping about like trained seals. Moguls isn't a sport, it's an amusement park ride.

And if you think moguls is daft, wait till next week when they run the other component under the freestyle umbrella: aerials. That's really shopping mall stuff — going off jumps and doing loop-deloops. I believe skiers get shot out of a cannon in aerials.

And now they're saying they want ski ballet to be a medal sport. Some skiers wore yellow armbands to protest the lack of ski ballet (I considered wearing an ice-blue armband to protest the lack of ballroom skiing and the lack of heat in my room.) "It's a shame that some of the best athletes in the United States couldn't come," said the silver-medal mogulist Liz McIntyre. She also said of her mogul run Wednesday, and

Ski ballet!

Who's gonna judge that, Twyla Tomba? Watching the moguls reminded me that every outdoor sport here is nuts. Only a self-destructive maniac would participate.

Moguls, aerials — leaping into the air and doing whirligigs on skis, what are you, nuts, you could break your head.

Ski jumping — palpably insane, off the charts.

Downhill — going straight down the mountain, are you kidding

Bobsled — you think that in crate is going to save you?

Luge — on your back, on a pie plate at 125 kilometers an hour, good luck.

Bigthion — they're using real bullets.

Cross-country — doctors say that at subzero temperatures the fine

fibers in your lungs can burn up and severely damage your pulmonary system; this is Norway; subzero is a heat wave.

Come to think of it, the indoor sports here are dangerous, too.

Speed skating, you're flying around the rink, and the blades of those skates are as big as saws. If you fall, you can slice your own leg off. It's

like playing chicken with a guillotine. In the pairs skating, the women are so tiny and birdlike, and the men are so strong, it's like the hammer throw; some beefy type could unsuspectingly fling his partner into Lake Mjosa.

Those hockey players are some sly dogs.

Theirs is the safest sport in the Winter Olympics!

2 Sports Join List for '98

LILLEHAMMER - Curling and women's hockey will join the Winter Olympics in 1998. Snow-boarding and "skeleton" may be there, too. But lorget about almost everything else.
"We don't see much for the Win-

ter Games we could add," said Gilbert Felli, sports director for the International Olympic Committee. Some have suggested moving indoor sports like boxing, volleyball and gymnastics to the Winter Games to trim the load at the Summer Olympic.

No way, says the IOC.
"The Winter Olympics are only for sports on snow and ice," the IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, reiterated this week, echoing the Winter Games charter. At least two new sports are planned for the Games in Nagano,

Japan, four years from now.

After decades of trying to get on the program and serving as a dem-onstration sport in 1988 and '92, curling finally succeeded in gaining medal status. For the uninitiated, it's sort of a combination of bowling, croquet and sweeping on ice. It is not being played at these Olym-

The other new sport at Nagano will be women's ice hockey, with six teams - half as large as the

If any sport has a chance to get added, it might be snowboarding. If Salt Lake City, Utah, in the snowboard-crazy western United States is picked as the site for the 2002 Games - it's considered the favorite - snowboarding could

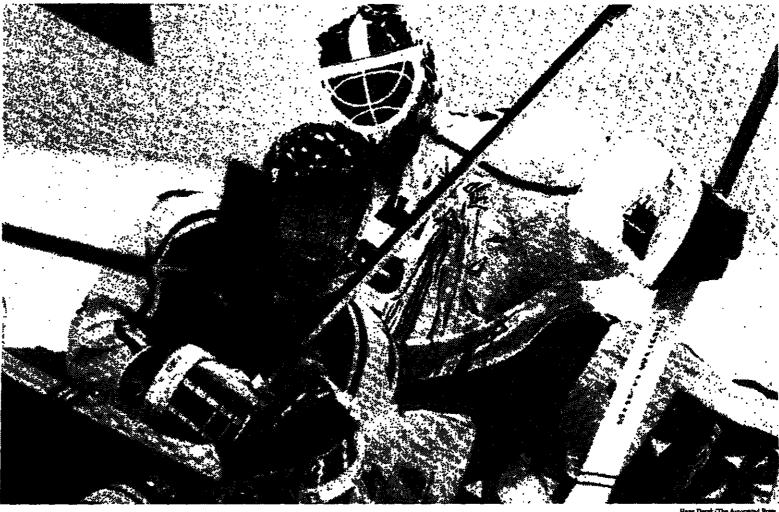
make the list. Another possible addition is skeleton — luge upside down and backward. Participants lie chestdown, face-first on their sleds, instead of feet first on their backs.

The bobsled and luge federations have made a joint request to add skeleton to the program and prospects are good, since no additional facilities would be needed. Dave Kurtz, the leader of the

U.S. bobsledders and a former member of the national skeleton team, is convinced it's a sure thing for *98.

"I'm absolutely confident," he said. "There's no doubt the IOC is ready. Officials are looking for ways to

get more use out of bob and luge runs, like the \$30 million facility constructed near Lillehammer, Kurtz said. Environmental concerns are raising the cost even



U.S. Ties Canada, Swedes Gain Quarters

LILLEHAMMER - The United games. States raified late in the third period for the third straight time in the Olympic ice hockey tournament, getting a goal by Todd Marchant with 28 seconds remaining to the Canada, 3-3, on Thursday.

After bouncing back with two goals in the third period against both France and Slovakia, the Americans only needed one this time. But they needed a dramatic penalty shot save by goalie Garth Snow and then waited until the last minute to score the game saver.

After the United States had pulled Snow in the final minute, Fabian Joseph was sent off for hooking with 48 seconds

David Roberts, at the blue line, fed Marchant, who wristed a shot past Canada's goalie, Corey Hirsch, and sent the Americans into an on-ice celebration.

2) and France (3-1) in their first two

The Canadians appeared to have the game won when Dwayne Norris scored his second goal of the game 1:16 into the third period to break a 2-2 tie. Norris, who scored at 4:46 of the first period to give the Canada the lead, came across the blue line and blasted a slap shot from the right point that beat Snow on the stick side. Canada had to rally itself after falling

was outshot, 12-8. Sweden 7, France 1: In Gjovik, Sweden used its high-powered offense to rout France and clinch a quarterfinal berth in

behind, 2-1, in the second period, when it

the bockey tournament. Roger Hansson had two goals and one assist and the Swedes scored three times in 16 minutes to start the game. Tommy Salo got the save, stopping nine of France's 10 shots. Sweden had 47 shots on goal.

Still to come are their toughest games before the five-game preliminary round

The 10th-seeded French (0-2-1) have faltered since a 4-4 tie with the United States in the opener for both teams. They lost, 3-1, to Canada. The Swedes didn't waste time pouncing

concludes.

on French goalie Michel Valliere with three quick goals. Hansson's first came 35 sec-onds into the game, slapping the puck around a fallen Valliere after two rebounds. Hakon Loob, who played for Calgary in

the National Hockey League, picked up the puck in the far corner of the right circle and maneuvered around Valliere to score when the goalie sprawled on his side.

Peter Forsberg, touted as the world's The draw was still good enough to put shots. Sweden had 47 shots on goal.

Shots on goal.

The canadians into the medal round. They had beaten up on lightly regarded Italy (7-scored at least four goals in each of three.

games. They also tied Slovakia, 4-4, and a 3-0 lead. Forsberg assisted on a third-defeated winless Italy, 4-1. period goal.

Slovakia 10, Italy 4: Slovakia staved against the United States and Canada - unbeaten in its first Olympic hockey tournament since gaining independence, scoring six goals in the first 14 minutes.

Miroslav Satan had three goals and Peter Stastny, Zigmund Palffy and Roman Kontsek two each. Slovakia (1-0-2) is exnected to make the quarterfinals after playing Canada and France in its remaining preliminary games.

Italy, which finished in last place in the 1992 Olympics, has been outscored by 21-7 and outshot by 117-65 in losing its first three games. Thursday's loss virtually ended its quarterfinal chances.

In its first two games, Slovakia bles leads of 3-2 against Sweden and 3-1 against the United States, But the Italians were no match for Slovakia, part of Czechoslovakia until Jan. 1, 1993. The Slovaks scored on three of their

first four power plays.

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Scene II, Takes I and II of the Harding-Kerrigan Escapades on Ice

By Ian Thomsen

HAMAR - "Nancy? Tonya? Quiet you two.

I need your full attention. "Here's the routine for your first dual training sessions. We're going to walk through this

Thursday, Feb. 17, 1:23 P.M. - Nancy Kerrigan arrives at practice rink

"Nancy, you'll be coming in first. No, Tonya, you won't be coming in with Nancy. We keep the two of you apart for a while. We let the tension build, build, build, yes? We let it build and we make it ours.

"Here's the situation. This is the first public meeting between the two of you since the attack on Nancy Jan. 6 in Detroit. It's a small practice rink and it's going to be mobbed with I don't know how many media people. They're so hungry for this they'll start arriving seven hours before, two hundred, three hundred of them packed-in maybe, and more TV cameras than the president sees. So makeup, ladies, don't

forget, lipstick and mascara. And Tonya: Easy in the middle of this entourage, with this big bald guy pushing through the crowd ahead of on the mascara, all right?

"Nancy, you're going to be wearing the same white lace outfit you had on when Tonya's pal whacked you. Honey, when you come in I don't want anyone in front of you. The cameras are going to flash all over you and you're going to look gorgeous, like a girl on her wedding day, precious and vulnerable. As for Tonya, let's see, Tonya is going to wear ... huh. No wardrobe plan for Tonya. How did that happen? Well. just wear whatever you want. Sure, black leggings, floral top, that's fine. Just make sure it's

garish. You know: cheery."
1:35 P.M. - Tonya Harding arrives at prac-

"No, Tonya, you cannot come in with Nancy. Because Nancy comes in alone, that's why. Because I have other plans for you. Picture this: Nancy's out on the ice, spinning and laughing, a flower in the breeze, just enjoying herself, and then you come in. No. I wouldn't exactly charmore along the lines of Sonny Liston, I see you

you and you holding his hand, taking these little baby steps toward the ring. Rink. Did I say

Anyway, you pull off your purple fleece jacket and what are you wearing but a purple USA Olympic sweatshirt. You know, flaunting it. Tonya, stop interrupting me. Tonya. Tonya. No. Tonya, you cannot come in with your arm around Nancy. Because Nancy comes in alone. O.K., I will ask her. Nancy, do you want that Tonya should come into the rink with her arm around you? Did you see that, Tonya? That looked like a firm shake of the head to me." 1:40 P.M. to 2:10 P.M. - Nancy and Tonya

"This is where you're each practicing your long program. Nancy, you're skating to the Boston Pops or something like that. That's perfect. And Tonya, you're skating to . . . Jurassic Park. That's also perfect.

"Nancy, you need to look like you're really trying. You're trying to make the best of a everything, trying to make it work. Everyone can relate to that.

Tonya: You are nervous. Throughout this whole mess you've been portraying yourself as something of a victim, but now you're on the ice with the real victim, and the whole world is scrutinizing you. She is allowed to laugh it off. and you are not. For the first time you're realizing who the victim really is. How are you supposed to act? Sensitive or tough? I want to see some tension from you, some uncertainty. You skate only half of your long program, spending most of the time talking to your coach until Nancy leaves the ice. Only after she's gone

do you feel comfortable skating freely. 'Nancy, we've let it be known that the venue has received a couple of threatening phone calls against Tonya from Stateside. Nothing to worry about. Instead of the normal 35 security people, there'll be 150. All you have to do is be aware of each other constantly without looking each other in the eye. All sorts of different

other a few times to let the photographers take pictures, you might win an Oscar for this.

2:10 P.M. - Lunch; 4:10 P.M. - Nancy and Tonya meet again in the Olympic Amphith The Amphitheatre is the main arena where you'll be competing next week. You'll be prac-

ticing your short programs here. It hits a cre-"Nancy, you're still laughing away. Tonya, ou're out there looking like you're about to cry. you're out there looking has job as Why? Because it's your turn to cry, that's why.

Before we have anymore creative differences, you need to understand something, both of you. This is an ice show. Got it? It's the biggest extravaganza ever. Tonya, you hired on for this role and you can't change it now. If you don't like it, all I can say is your people should have thought of that before Detroit. Namey seems to be handling it O.K., and she's the one who got hit. If only you could be more like Nancy. But you aren't, and you ought to be happy

terrible situation. Think of it like you're at a cocktail party and you're langhing too hard at everything, trying to make it work. Everyone other a form of this cocktail party and you're langhing too hard at everything, trying to make it work. Everyone other a form of this cocktail party and you're langhing too hard at everything. The property of the state of the st

"I mean, look at the ending we've got today.
Tonya: You or someone you know made Namey
cry last month. Now she has the world on her side, and the focus is on you, to see how you'll react. Throughout this session you appear agitated, skating over to complain to your coach about

your equipment and all sorts of other things.

Now you're gliding along, powering toward
your trademark triple axel, and you fall. It's a your trademark triple axel, and you fall. It's a bad one. You get up, and it's all you can do to keep from sobbing as you imp past the photographers. At first we think it's your knee: How's that for irony? Limply you raise your arm to fend them off. Nancy is holding the rinkboard, talking with her coaches innocently, while you glide silent behind her like a shark fin in the water. How's that for a picture? Plus the inspirational music is playing in the background like always. music is playing in the background like always.
"This doesn't mean we're writing you out.
Your ankle's only sore, nothing serious. Baby, be serious—this show couldn't go on without you."

Russian Snatches Victory As 3,000 Favorite Falls

HAMAR - Svetlana Bazhanova of Russia was the surprise winner Thursday in the women's 3,000-meter speed-skating race after the favorite, Gunda Niemann of Germany, fell. It was the second time a Russian has struck gold here after the favorite faitered.

Bazhanova won her first Olympic medal and her nation's fifth gold of the Lillehammer Games after Niemann fell in the final turn on

her second lap. Emese Hunyady of Austria won the silver and Claudia Pechstein of Germany, who skated a personal record in the first pair, won the

Niemann, the world-record holder and defending Olympic champion, spilled in nearly the same spot where Dan Jansen of the United State had stumbled on Monday in the men's 500-meter event. Jansen maintained his balance and finished eighth, but Niemann skidded across the ice and wiped out her skating partner, Seako Hashimoto of Japan.

Niemann finished the race, crossing in 5:10.28, almost a minute more than her world record of 4:10.80. Hashimoto, competing in

balance after her left foot clipped a marker, and the German coaches were protesting the placement of the markers dividing the lanes. The judges were reviewing the videotape before ruling.

As Jansen's stumble had given Alexander Golubev a golden opportunity, Niemann's misfortune ave Bazhanova, 21, her chance. kating four pairs after Niemann, she crossed the finish line in 4:17.43, bumping Hunyady by .71 seconds. Pechstein finished in

A double-gold medalist in the 3,000 and 5,000 and winner of the silver in the 1,500 at the 1992 Games, Niemann was the favorite to sweep all three this year.

She started smoothly, but clipped a marker with her left skate after 38.8 seconds. She slid uncontrollably into the outside lane, a look of horror on her face, as she took out Hashimoto.

The Japanese skater went down hard on her left arm, and slammed into the barricade, as did Niemann, a few feet away.



The German speed skater Gunda Niemann crashing Thursday into Japan's Seiko Hashimoto, left, in the women's 3,060 meters.

Some Old Stars Go Out In Men's Figure Skating

fall on a triple axel jump. He did HAMAR — The big names of men's figure skating took a severe battering in the Olympic technical

program on Thursday A disastrous night for Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko and Kurt Browning, left them eighth, ninth and 12th and without any hope of medals. They entered the event as the outstanding favorites but now have to settle for the role of alsorans, no matter how they improve in Saturday's free-skating final.

The surprising leader was the Russian Alexei Urmanov with the established Canadian contender Elvis Stojko second and Philippe Candeloro of France in third.

Scott Davis of the United States and Olee Tataurov of Russia completed a top five that would not have seemed remotely possible at the start of the compet

Boitano, the 1988 Olympic champion who spearheaded the drive to have professionals back in competition, must have wondered why he bothered after opening the night's program with a catastrophic

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not attempt the second jump in his rules and was severely penalized.

Then it was the turn of Petrenko. the 1992 Olympic and world cham pion from Ukraine, who had jumped on the Boitano bandwagon to compete again. He over-rotated his triple axel and only barely com-pleted the double toe loop at the end of it. Then he two-footed the landing on the triple lutz in a program he had skated absolutely superbly as he won the European title last month.

Last in the field of 25 was Brownng, world champion in 1989, 1990, 1991 and last year but sixth in the

1992 Albertville Olympics. Urmanov, the world championship bronze medalist began with an excellent triple axel-double toe loop combination. It was followed by an equally fine triple lutz and later a perfect double axel, all intertwined with steps, spins and foot-

His scores were almost all 5.7s and 5.8s for both the elements and his presentation of them.

Stojko scaled down a triple toe loop to a double in his combination with a triple axel and he. too. was flawless. Now he plans to throw in his quadruple toe loop-triple toe ing in a bold bid for gold.

off her cap and goggles, consoled Hashimoto, then put her gear back on and finished the race. The 3,000 was her first race, and

got up and skated away. She pulled

she had not lost at that distance since finishing second in a World Cup race in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 13, 1991. She was 4-for-4 in the 3,000 since the World Cup season began in November.

But it was her second fall in a year. She wiped out in the 500 at the 1993 European championships and finished sixth overall, the first time she had not won the title since

A three-time world champion and four-time European champion, Niemann, 27, was consoled by several skaters after finishing. She smiled and waved to the crowd as she skated slowly around the oval after the race. Despite Pechstein's medal, it was

a doubly disappointing day for the Germans. The medal contender Heike Warnicke, like Niemann a remnant of the former East Ger-man sports machine, finished well back in 4:28.43, nearly 14 seconds off her personal best.

The first women's speed-skating event of the Games played to the first empty seats of the Olympics in the Viking Ship Olympic Hall. The arena was about 70 percent full Thursday, and none of the women's events are sold out.

About 12,000 people — mostly Norwegians — had packed the arena for Johann Olav Koss's two and Wednesday, as well as on

IOC to Match Athletes' Donations to War Victims Norwegian speed skater Johann Olav Koss, who won his second gold medal in a world record time on Wednesday, said he LILLEHAMMER -- The International Olympic Committee pledged Thursday to match any donations by Winter Games was donating the 225,000 kroner (\$30,000) athletes to war victims in Sarajevo.

"We'll match any donations to Sarajevo athletes, dollar for dollar, krone for krone," said the IOC's director-general,

bomus from the victory to an Olympic aid organization that is working in the city of

Koss, a 25-year-old medical student, also urged Norway's four million people

to give 10 kroner for every gold medal won by a Norwegian athlete at the Games. His donation went to Olympic Aid, which helps war victims in Sarajevo as well as Eritrea, Afghanistan, Beirnt and Graterala

Norway's Olympic Committee said it

Harding Link To Plot Cited

PORTLAND, Oregon — Authorities are investigating reports that Tonya Harare investigating reports that 10mya Frar-ding obtained Nancy Kerrigan's hotel room number in Detroit as part of the plot to injure her, the Oregonian newspaper reported Thursday.

It said that the authorities believed there was no credible way that Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly, and others in the plot could have gotten the room number except through Harding.

Gillooly and Shawn Eckardt, who says have a second to the same back in

he helped arrange the assault, were both in Portland at the time Kerrigan was attacked Jan. 6 after a practice session in Detroit. Harding was in Detroit, for the

U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Kerrigan stayed in Room 6104 of the Westin Hotel at the Renaissance Center, the Detroit police have confirmed. Eck-ardt told the FBI that he recalled the number off the top of his head as 6401. Kerrigan's room number was closely guarded information, the Oregonian re-

Gillooly told the FBI that he had instructed Harding to obtain Kerrigan's room number as part of an initial plan to issault her at the hotel.

Gillooly said Harding got the room number through a clerk at the Westin, where Harding was also staying, on anoth-

Gillooly said he and Harding were worried that the FBI would find the clerk, but he said that Harding "replied that the guy was a 'ditz' and he probably would not remember, but even if he did, he would not tell because he would lose his job over it." Investigators reportedly have interewed a Detroit hotel registration clerk

shout Harding Harding told the FBI that she did not know Kerrigan's room number. However, this was before the agent conducting the interview on Isa, 18 said she was not being truthful. After a break, Harding revised some of her statements, but the issue of the room number was not brought up again.

Faster! Faster! Thrill of Technology, Agony of Error

By Johnette Howard

Washington Past Service
LILLEHAMMER — The clock never has an off-day, never cares about subplots. never makes allowances for who is long-

suffering and who's just a recent hotshot. For all Winter Olympic athletes, the margin between victory and deteat is as minuscule as a fingertip on ice that cost the Dan Jansen a few tenths of a second in hun Monday's 500, or the brush of a luger's sleeve against the icy track, or the wind that smacks the airborne Alpine skier in the chest, slowing down the ones who don't have the nerve or the strength to maintain their racing tucks.

Games the same way they do at the Summer Olympics — a misstep on a landing that ruins the figure skater's otherwise clean program, a technical error by the ski jumper who explodes out of crouch too soon and mars his takeoff, a hockey team that's no match for an opponent.

But more often, Winter Olympic events skaters here hit 40 miles per hour (65 kilo-

As speeds climb in a given sport, the tiny room for error decreases exponentially. Often, the high speeds that mean the sliver of daylight between a gold and silver medal winner are remarkable. In men's luge, the final difference between Georg Hackl and the runner-up, Markus Prock, was oneidredth of a second over four runs.

But the potential for agonizingly close loss increases too.

Given the omnipresent clock, technology and equipment seem to play a bigger part in the Winter Games than the Summer part in the Winter Games than the Summer ders are constantly spying, photographing, Games. The constant race to find new and copying each other's sleds to discern advantages has sparked plenty of gamesmanship, serious research and innovation, and apocryphal claims of discoveries—
not to mention some spying, stealing, lying and cheating over the years.

The U.S. doubles lugar Jonathan Edwards remembers an assistant coach on the World Cup circuit who used to sneak around pulling the rubber covers off other

Poland experimented with cone-shaped helmets to reduce drag. In addition to depend on the pursuit of raw speed. Speed looking ridiculous, the cone-head helmets

World-class skiers travel with equipment consultants and ski-wax experts that monitor conditions on race days before picking the right skis and wax to use. Filing down a luge sled's steel runners to the right racing edge is an art, too, and almost as important

Like world-class yacht racers --- who actually have spy cameras mounted on remote-control buoys that can be floated over to rival boats to take underwater piccompetitor's secrets, too.

In the 1980s, lugers from Germany and people's runners when he thought no one was looking. Then he'd rub his hand real quick over the steels to see what kind of edge the fastest teams were racing with."

The U.S. Olympic Committee actually has a director of sports science and tech-

push 75 to 80 mph, and bobsleds can apbounced a slider's head off the track during nology on its staff to keep Americans international bobsled federation with some proach 90 mph when everything goes right. a rough ride.

abreast of latest innovations. Olympic and slight modifications. World Cup officials play a frequ each other if they think a rival has discov-

ered a secret. off his team's boasts about introducing a better racing suit here after the Dutch made noise about their new "aerodynam-

ic" skate covers. Shimer said, "The general rule of thumb is if somebody's suddenly going faster, you

Shimer should know. He's one of the drivers of the new Bo-Dyn bobsled, an justs to tracks like a race car, thanks to the involvement of a NASCAR driver, Geoff Bodine. The sled is hundreds of pounds sled debuted and, in the end, passed by the

We must have been good," said Matt and-mouse game with ingers and bobsled. Roy, now the executive director of the U.S. ders when the competitors aren't ratting on bobsled federation. "I've never seen the International Rules Committee disqualify

"It's all part of the psychological war-fare," the Norwegian speed skater Johann runners are, the faster they go. So the rule is Olay Koss said earlier this week, laughing that sled runners must fall within a 10degree temperature range at the start gate Race officials also test sled runners for banned substances. A rumor once on the World Cup circuit was that the Germans The American bobsled driver Brisu had come up with something that wasn't himer said, "The general rule of thumb is somebody's suddenly going faster, you runners with ether to detect doctored

For a time, the U.S. luge team tried coating its runners and face shields with space-age sprays provided by NASA. In the end they found good old-fashioned dishwashing liquid was the best thing to keep their face shields from fogging. A lighter than previous models. But, not sur-prisingly, its chassis and new materials pic motio — Faster, Higher, Stronger— were challenged almost the moment the needs an addendum for the Winter Games:

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Wasmeier Edges Out Moe in Super-G

Kjetil-André Aamodt (left), the home-crowd favorite and the defending Olympic champion in the super-giant slalom, managed only a bronze in the event on Thursday. He finished behind Markus Wasmeier (right), the winner of Germany's first Olympic men's Alpine medal since 1936, and

Tommy Moe of the

United States.



Dahlie Triumphs in 10-K Cross Country

Home Crowd Cheers Its Winner, and Also the Runner-Up, Again: Smirnov

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service

LILLEHAMMER - No wonder the Norwegians have warmed to Vladimir Smirnov. Not only does he shoot Siberian rapids and swap campfire stories with their beloved Vegard Ulvang. The rugged man from Kazakhstan also has a habit of losing key races to their other cross-country superstar, Biorn Dahlie.

Nearly a year after Smirnov was beaten by Dahlie in a photo finish at the world championships, the skier who was supposed to domi-

nate these Olympics was upstaged his first before the exuberant crowd again with even more at stake in that has transformed this stretch of Thursday's 10-kilometer classic scenic forest into a low-tempera-CTOSS-COUNTRY event

Smirnov accepted the blow with val. his customary grace, which is yet find him irresistible.

"It's not perfect because I have win an Olympic gold medal.

Dahlie, who won't turn 27 until June, now has four of them. But this was his first in these Games; ture Norwegian version of Carna-

With all the Norwegians there another reason the Norwegians today and me winning the gold on home ground, this is the biggest thing I have ever experienced in enough silver medals, but I am sat-isfied," said Smirnov, the former ed by serving homemade cherry Soviet star who at age 29 has yet to brandy to the Norwegian press before an interview session.

"I do not recommend this for skiers," said Dahlie, who joked that "it contains no Smirnoff.

His time of 24:20.1 was 18 seconds better than his Kazakh rival and 22.2 seconds better than the bronze medalist, Marco Albarello of Italy. Ulvang, making his 1994 Olympic debut, struggled because Aamodt was a delicately handled of a sore left thigh and finished a subject at the news conference later disappointing seventh.

That was the best classical race of my life," said Dahlie, whose two mountain boy's face flush from sucindividual golds in 1992 came in cess and his day outdoors, cleanly freestyle events, which allow skiers fielded all the flattering questions to use the faster, skating motion.

Dahlie now has an excellent chance of winning a record-tying tage over Smirnov.

ulace by learning the language and Alpine events. has competed in the Swedish national championships. A company

What has made him a household name in Norway are his rugged kilometer pursuit race at last year's world championships. After he and unison, the scoreboard initially showed Smirnov as the winner, but the world. as he exulted and began giving television interviews, race officials examined a photograph and an-nounced that Dahlie's right foot

had crossed the line first. Dahlie responded by inviting the crestfallen Smirnov to dinner with the Norwegian team. One race organizer went so far as to present Smirnov a painting that remade history by lengthening Smirnov's foot enough to beat out Dahlie's. Other Norwegians sent envelopes full of paper medals painted gold.

"I received hundreds of letters," Smirnov said. But all the compassion in Scandinavia cannot change the fact that Smirnov remains a paper tiger. Since joining the World Cup circuit a decade ago, he has won only one pajor title: the 30-kilometer event in the 1989 worlds. This season, he

meter race. By his own admission, Smirnov has no chance for a gold in the men's relay or the 50-kilometer. That leaves only Saturday's pur-

dominated the pre-Olympic calen-dar (and Dahlie) but finished only

10th in Tuesday's opening 30-kilo-

"I just hope there will be no photo finish," Smirnov said.

By Harvey Araton New York Times Service

RINGEBU - The 30-year-old Bavarian painter and classical string musician did not come between Tommy Moe and Kietil-Andre Aamodt. Markus Wasmeier of Germany exceeded both the American Alpine darling of the Winter Olympics and the Norwegian World Cup leader and defending Olympic gold medalist in the su-per-giant statom Thursday.

Neither was about to begrudge Wasmeier, not after 10 years roaming the circuit as a perennial contender who'd earned no Olympic medals but had survived a back injury that nearly ruined him four years ago.

"He's a true skier," said Moe. "I'm happy for Markus. I'm happy for myself."

Why wouldn't he be? Moe already had the really big prize, the downhill gold medal. The silver he claimed in the super-giant was ic-ing on his 24th birthday cake and an Olympics that has thrust him meteorically among the world's Alpine clite.

When he crossed the finish line, eight-hundredths of a second behind Wasmeier's 1:32.53, spectators in the grandstand burst into a raucous rendition of "Happy Birthday," not only to Moe but also Norway's Atle Skaardal, who finished sixth.

Soon, Jan Kvinnsland from the Norwegian ski federation was holding a birthday cake, and the whole lot of early finishers, all three medalists included, were wolfing it down as if the foot of the Kvitfjell course were some pâtisserie along

the Champs-Elysées.
How all this actually tasted to vorite sullenly waited as Moe, his about what it felt like to be one of the new sheriffs on the tour.

This was supposed to be showfifth gold on Saturday in the second stage of this race, the 15-kilodownhill from him on Sunday, by meter freestyle pursuit, which he four-hundredths of a second, less will start with an 18-second advanthan two minutes after Aamodt had taken the lead and his fans had Smirnov has plenty of support in burst into patriotic song. Emerging this thickly forested neck of the as an Alpine power at the Albertwoods. He has lived in Sundsvall, ville Games two years ago, the Nor-Sweden, since 1991, when he left wegians had naturally targeted Lilwhat was then the Soviet Union lehammer for their crowning and accepted sponsorship from a achievement, especially Aamodi, Swedish skiing club. A quick study, the 22-year-old from Oslo who was Smirnov rapidly won over the pop- considered a contender in all five

Five medals, still a real possibility, would be remarkable in itself, run by the Swedish cross-country although only a consolation prize if star Torgny Mogren actually has Aamodt failed to win a gold. "For been sponsoring Smirnov for the sure," he said. "I feel it will not

Years ago, this would have been escapades with Ulvang (they have near desecration of native custom, canoed in Siberia and climbed and, in Aamodt's case, it was. mountains in Mongolia) and the Amongst people who frowned manner in which he lost the 15promotion, Aamodt was not typically well-received when early in Dahlie crossed the finish line in his career, he declared that his goal was to be the best Alpine skier in

> Janueloven, the expression representing this Norwegian social code, means, said Aamodt, "If you do something special, you shouldn't think you are special." Even before the Olympics were awarded to Lillehammer in 1988, younger Norwegians were challenging janteloven. The desire to build the sports programs for these Olympics overwhelmed it. The government poured \$1 billion into sports. Two years ago, a book with "Jantelo-ven" printed on its cover, was ceremonially tossed into the sea by a government minister.

> Aamodt and friends were free to publicly aim for the stars to think and act, he said, like Tommy Moe. "The American dream is to be No. 1," he said. "The American

dream has come to Norway." That had to make the first two medal ceremonies all the more galling for Aamodt. He has raced the best of the heavily favored skiers. only to be beaten by men experi-

encing the races of their lives. Married and with a child, Wasmeier not long ago was contemplating retiring to paint antiques, to play his viola and zitar. When he bumped into Diann Roffe-Steinrotter, who on Tuesday also came from nowhere to steal the women's super-G, she told him, "You can do

"I said, 'Yes, yes,'" said Wasmeier. "Like it was a good joke." He was fourth racer down the super-G course, a downhill with well-spaced gates, right after Moe had run 1:32.61, making one costly mistake, a late turn at a gate near the bottom. Moe said he chose a high position because his coach, Bill Egan, had, by draw, been given the task of laying a course that no one had yet skied.

Aamodt skied the eighth position, so, this time, he knew what he needed, at least to beat Moe. He couldn't. "I lost some time in the middle," he said. When he removed his goggles and looked at the board, his expression gave his frustration away.

He was in a better mood after the downhill, happy to let Moe have his day. Now he was beaten in a race he was supposed to win. Silver or no silver, it was another close loss at home, another blown chance to educate millions watching on American TV.

"In the U.S., they think Norway is the capital of Sweden," he said. "Well," he decided, "we still have three more events to go."

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Franz Heinzer of Switzerland, the former world champion and three-time World Cup titlist in the downhill, announced Thursday that he will retire at the end of the Aloine season, but emphasized that it had nothing to do with the Swiss team's poor showing in Lilleham-

Heinzer, 31, said a fall on the ... Short-track speed skater Batchm-course at Kitzbühel, Austria, this ham Bat-Orgil had faced an eight-season had showed him how close day train ride. But the organizing

and I found out that there was not so much fun jumping 60 meters as it was when I was 20," he said. "I was no longer able to go for it as in

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• U.S. speed skater Kristen Talbot, who last month donated bone marrow to her brother, Jason, to belp combat his blood disorder, has lost her grandfather to a heart at-tack. Edward Talbot, 66, died Tuesday in Schuylerville, New

CBS's ratings for the first four nights of the Winter Olympics were top 27 percent over the Albertville strong," goalie Garth Snow said.

• Want cheap lodging in Lille-

Tuesday night's coverage carned a 27.3 rating and a 39 share, the network's best Tnesday night since Feb. 28, 1984, when the Grammy Awards got a 31.3 rating and a 44

The rating is the percentage of television households in the United States, each point representing 942,000 homes. The share is the percentage of televisions on at the

• Maybe related: The mother of figure skater Tonya Harding remained in stable condition in a New York City hospital, a day after fainting in a television studio.

Doctors at St. Clare's Hospital were conducting tests to determine why LaVona Golden collapsed after taping "The Montel Williams Show" on Tuesday afternoon, a hospital spokesman said.

 But did he go? Long before the Games began, Ueh Luch, the U.S. men's ski coach, said that if he were as to go to Las Vegas, "I would put my money on Tommy Moe winning an Olympic medal in the su-

Lucthi, apparently, was not prepared to gamble on Moe getting a medal in the downhill, which he

• Mongolia's lone Winter Olympic athlete has arrived, by plane tead of train.

he could come to serious injury. committee's spokesman, Tor Ann had been found in Ulan Bator to pay for air tickets for Bat-Orgil and a Mongolian sports official.

• Has he an "S" on his chest?

Jeff Lazaro, an alternate captain on the U.S. hockey team, purposely checking teammate Matt Martin during practice at Kristin Hall, hit the Plexiglass instead and went flying on through it.

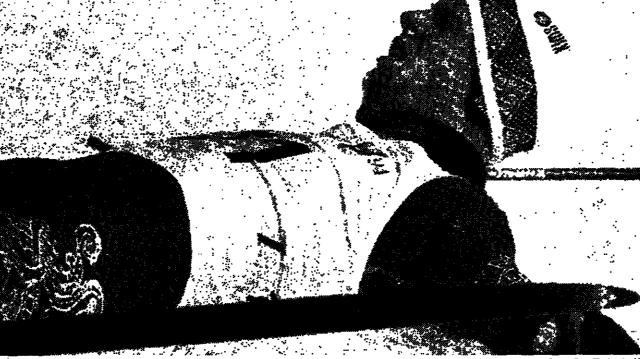
"It's something we do all the time," Lazaro said. "But it just opened right up." "It must be awfully weak glass.

"On Wednesday night, three people spent the night at the jail, only because they had no other place to stay," said a police officer, igmor Saether.

She said she did not want the iail to become just a cheap place to stay, but would not turn the needy away. Under Norwegian law, any one unable to find somewhere to sleep can apply for so-called "homeless arrest" overnight. How's that? Donna Wein-

brecht of the United States, who won the gold medal in Albertville, planned to "shreal" the course, but "got hit by a bad vision thing", pulled a "skibble" and suffered an

ont-of-body experience." Oh? "In the 1,000, you have time to make a mistake," said U.S. speedskater Dan Jansen, who slipped in the 500-meter race Monday. When he competes Friday in the 1,000, it will be his last chance.



An exhausted Biorn Dahlie, who said his victory Thursday on home ground was "the biggest thing I have ever experienced in skiing."

Egorova Holds Off Di Centra in Pursuit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LILLEHAMMER - Lyubov Exprova of Russia moved within one gold medal of the Winter Olympics record on Thursday as she skied to an 8,3-second victory over Manuela Di Centa of Italy in the women's 10-kilometer cross-

country freestyle pursuit.
Egorova and Di Centa also became the first triple medalists in the Lillehammer Games.

. It was the eighth medal in as many Olympic races for Egorova, who also won a silver behind Di Centa in the women's opening 15kilometer free event Sunday. With five gold and three silvers, it is believed to be the foremost medalstreak in women's Olympic cross-. (WP, LAT, NYT, AP, Resters) country sking.

after winning the 5-kilometer classical-style on Tuesday, the first leg of the pursuit.

She completed the pursuit in a

total time of 41 minutes, 38.1 sec-"I was very confident all the

way," Egorova said. "I knew every step that Di Centa was making.
And I controlled the pace. My coach was telling me everything that she was doing." "She had no power at the end but

was also quite tired," she added. "It took a lot of energy for me." Stefania Belmondo of Italy, a freestyle specialist from Italy who won two gold medals in last year's World Championships, was 43 sec-

Egorova, 28, had a 20-second advantage over Di Centa at the start after making the biggest move among the top skiers.

> classical style leg and trailed Egorova by 56 seconds at the start. The pursuit race was introduced to the Olympics two years ago in Albertville and, unlike traditional events where competitors go out at 30-second intervals, the skiers' starting positions are determined by their placing in the 5-kilometer

Two years ago at the Albertville Games, Egorova was the crossan Olympic rookie. She has never failed to medal in eight Olympic start proved to be too much.

Egorova now is tied with the speed skaters Eric Heiden of the United States and Clas Thunberg Belmondo was only 13th in the of Finland for second all-time, with five gold medals in the Winter Olympics. Heiden captured his five in a single Olympics at the 1980 Lake Placid Games. Thunberg won

his in 1924 and 1928. Another speed skater, Lydia Skoblikova, is the career leader with six Olympic golds. She collected her record haul in the 1960 and the former Soviet Union.

1964 Olympics while skating for Di Centa made a brave effort to three gold and two silver medals as catch Egorova in Thursday's race. but the Russian's advantage at the

'Mecca' of the True Sports Fan

Paris Games, an American was beat—Los Angeles Games.

But when Koss's archival, Falko cn with a came for rooting too loudly At the Viking Ship arens, each Zandstra of the Netherlands, beat

out of contention for any Olympic honor, but the sellout crowd of 12,000 cheered anyway. Tamburino, a virtual unknown in his own land, had set said. They appreciate everybody. chauvinism, said Dr. Jacques Rogge, a personal record, and the Norwe-

gians knew it. "I've never experienced anything like it." he said. It's a familiar refrain at the 17th

Winter Games. "Among the Olympics, this is perhaps the most fraternal," said Bernard Bourandy of the French Olym-pic Committee. He has attended the Games since 1960.

There is plenty of Norwegian flagwaving but "nothing is provocative here. Nothing is irritating here," said Fritz Suer of the Dutch Olympic 5,000 and 1,500 meters. "What a Ships would not have been enough.

for the U.S. rugby team. Norwegian speed skater's intermediate times him to become world champion on fans are a different story, as the U.S. drew delight or disappointment from the same oval last year, the crowd was speed skater David Tamburrino the crowd, whether the racer was knows by now.

He finished the 1,500 meters well crossed the finish line to secure 22d when the first speed skating champicrossed the finish line to secure 22d when the first speed skating champicrossed the finish line to secure 22d when the first speed skating champicrossed the finish line to secure 22d when the first speed skating champicrossed the finish line to secure 22d when the first speed skating champi-Norwegian or not. When Tamburrino

> They know everybody." fair to everyone, an extra helping of fan." decibels is reserved for the local

The Norwegian downhill skier Kjefast he doesn't hear a thing. When he Two years ago at the Games in came down the Kvittfell course this Albertville, France, many of the

The Associated Press Committee, remembering the nation-great feeling to have the crowd be-LILLEHAMMER — At the 1924 alism of the 1980 Moscow and 1984 hind me like that," he said. But when Koss's archival, Falko

That tradition goes back a century,

bells filled the air. "Nationalism is far less important "It's an inspirational crowd," he than the performance. This is no head of the European Olympic Com-Although the crowd appears to be mittees. This is the mecca of any true

"Here the people are better educated in sports and appreciate it better," The Norwegian downhill skier Kie-Bourandy said. "In Los Angeles, they til-André Aamodi usually moves so just came to see a speciacle."

week in front of 40,000 spectators, he Olympic sites were rarely near capacheard cheering for the first time ever.

ivy. But here, 88 percent of the L4 Norway's speed skater Johann million nekets offered have been sold. Olav Koss sent the crowd into a delir- To watch Koss, there was a waiting imm when he set world records in the list of 125,900 people. Ten Viking



For Norwegian fans, like this group at a medal ceremony, it's an athlete's performance — not nationality — that counts.

POSTCARD

The Embroidered Shirt

New York Times Service EW YORK - Among the vivid scraps of history in Lubow Wolynetz's life is a memory of herself as a 6-year-old girl.

She was living in a small town in Germany after World War II, having fled western Ukraine with her family when the Russians arrived in 1945. Upon their arrival, her mother sorted through the family's few remaining possessions and realized that her daughter was without her embroidered shirt.

For a Ukrainian, being without a traditional embroidered shirt means "being without your twin," Wolynetz said. So, determined to create anew, her mother began to scour the town of Uffenheim for shreds of cloth and floss, and soon

other Ukrainian women joined in.
"I temember when I first put
that shirt on, I was the proudest
person in that little town." Wolynetz recalled one recent afternoon, you just do." sitting in her living room here, surrounded by embroidery. We had nothing. Yet people didn't think about bread or home — but the meaning of an item a young girl should have growing up.

For centuries, Ukrainian embroidery has been laced with meaning. In a country with a tumultuous history marked by foreign invasions and political persecution, em-broidery has been "symbolically linked to national identity and unity," said Oksana I. Grabowicz, an anthropologist and research associate at the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University.

During the Soviet period, especially during the 1970s and 80s, wearing an embroidered shirt was a sign of political protest and ethnic distinctiveness. "It goes much deeper than aesthetics," Grabowicz said. "It gives a sense of affinity

that goes beyond words." Thus, as it does in so many Ukrainian households here, embroidery infuses the house where

Wolynetz has lived since 1972. The throw pillows on her livingintricate embroidered patterns from the Carpathian Mountains. the region where she was born. Stars signify the sun, a solar sign for good luck. Wavy lines meander and wrap around the pillows, sym-

By Patricia Leigh Brown bols of eternity and the cyclical nature of the seasons. Squares, or lozenges, signifying fertility dance across the surfaces of the pillows like sown fields across a landscape.

In an old suitcase, Wolynezz, now a curator at St. Basil's College Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut, and the folk-art curator for the Ukrainian Museum in Manhattan. keeps samples of her work, including red-and-black designs of the Kiev region and nyzynka, a special imitation weave stitch from the Carpathian Mountains. Hints of orange and yellow, symbols of heavenly light, race through asym-metrical black-and-white geomet-

"From age 4, my mother would show me how to use the needle," said Wolynetz, who is now 56 and whose childhood home was filled with embroidered pillowcases, bedspreads and religious ritual cloths. "You just embroider. These things

Before coming to the United States in 1949 at age 10, Wolynetz spent four years in a displaced-persons' camp in Germany. There, she and other Ukrainians embroidered

shirts and dresses out of parachute cloth ("the vogue," she joked). Her family arrived in New York harbor on a U. S. Army ship. When her mother asked her what she wanted to wear to America, Lubow replied, "My embroidered shirt," the one her mother had lovingly pieced together five years before. Wolynetz shares her house with

her two sons, Yurii, 24, and Volodymyr, 23, and their cats, Casper and Buster. Her husband, George, a lawver, died seven years ago, "I try to make it aesthetically

pleasing," she said of the decor, which is enlivened by ceramic plates, paintings, wood carvings, blankets and other examples of Ukrainian folk art. "I try not to overdo. I use embroidery to make my home warm and pleasant to me. But too much of a good thing is not

necessarily beautiful. In peasant homes, rows of icons room sofa reveal a personal history, are often adorned with long stretches of cloth so that the saints won't quarrel about who has the finest one. "Embroidery interprets human nature," Wolynetz said, clearly amused, "as if saints quarreled just like humans do."

The Incredible Inventory of Hal Willner

By Mike Zwerin

DARIS — Hal Willner is a musician I who doesn't play an instrument, a composer who doesn't compose. He's a soloist who doesn't take solos and a director who doesn't direct. Following in the steps of Duke Ellington, who once hired a saxophone player who drank a lot because he liked the way he played drunk, Willner

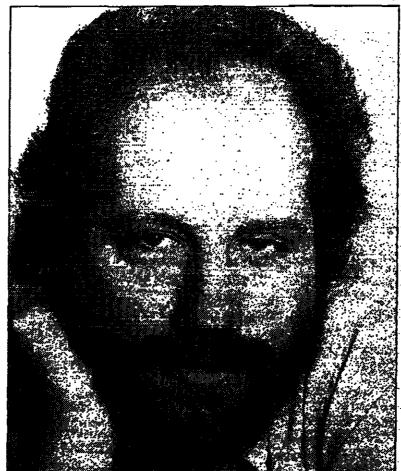
raises casting to an art form.
His viability rests on the assumption that music comes before business in the music business; that, given a choice, human beings still prefer good music to bad and that rock stars are not only in it for the money. The guiding principle is "you can always fix the music but you can't always fix the artist." In other words, you might say that the "right" person performing the "wrong" song is the way to go. Nobody had asked Joe Jackson to sing Monk's "Round Midnight" before.

In the old days, when A&R men would connect musicians on the rosters of their record companies with "appropriate" material, the wrong people often sang the wrong songs. The world is Willner's roster and, flying by the seat of his pants, he is responsible for some of the most appropriate and just plain wacky albums of the past decade. His tribute compilations of the music of Nino Rota ("Amarcord Nino Rota"), Thelonious Monk ("That's the Way I Feel Now"), Charles Mingus ("Weird Nightmare"), Kurt Weill ("Lost in the Stars") and Walt Disney ("Stay Augher")

Awake") connect the following: The Rolling Stones's Keith Richards and Charlie Watts play Mingus's "Oh Lord Don't Let Them Drop That Atomic Bomb on Me." Michael Stipe of R. E. M. joins 10,000 Maniacs Natalie Mercha singing a nursery rhyme from "Bambi."
Tom Waits growls "What Keeps Mankind
Alive" from "The Threepenny Opera."
Sun Ra struts "Pink Elephants on Parade," Sting does "Mack the Knife" and Wynton Marsalis waxes sentimental on a Rota medley.

Some people turn down a Willner proposal because "it isn't going to do anything for my career." In any case, he who hesitates is lost. If you have to mull it over, you're out of the race pronto. Willner wants a fast yes and a beautiful accident.

"Laurel and Hardy were as much an influence on me as Bob Dylan and John Coltrane," he says, with a straight face. In fact Willner's face is never really straight. It has been said that he looks like a "stunned fish out of water." He always appears to be lost in thought thinking about something other than what he's say-ing. (He mumbles.) He might be described as scraggly, but his mind is anything but



Willner: Some appropriate and some plain wacky albums for the past decade.

In the studio he can only attempt to control what he has wrought. What do James Taylor, Los Lobos, Garth Hudson, Sinead O'Connor, NRBQ, The Replacements, Sun Ra. Bill Frissel, Ringo Starr, Tom Waits, Harry Nilsson and Betty Car-ter have in common? They all sing Walt Disney movie songs for Hal Willner. He creates a kind of weird parallel world, which Terry Adams of NRBQ explains:

"Hal is the kind of gry who knows that when something is absurd, it's beautiful." When he convinced Debbie Harry, lead singer of Blondie, to be on the Rota compilation, along with jazz people Carla Bley and Steve Lacy, Willner wasn't thinking about sales, he just thought Blondie was a great group. He is out to prove that musicians in general and rock stars in particular have a wider range of interests than they are given credit for: "Rock musicians deserve respect for performing Monk be-cause they know they are going to be judged severely for even attempting it. They must love the music."

Talk about absurd. He started out on the wrong foot, zigged when he should have zagged, beeped when he should have bopped and ended up exactly in the right place at the right time. Willner is the musical equivalent of the kid who wasted his youth in poolrooms and ended up starring in a movie about a pool shark. It's all research, Baby. He followed his own star even though it had no name. Post-Willner, compilations have become quite the thing, one of the most successful being "I'm Your Fan," a fanciful-cast tribute to Leonard Cohen.

"When I was 15," Willner says, "one of my favorite tunes was Billie Holiday singing 'Gloomy Sunday,' which tells you a lot about what kind of kid I was. All I did was go up to my room, lock the door, jump around and listen to everything from Stra-vinsky to Miles to rock 'n' roll." Sopping it

all up for future use, he humaned Bernard Hermann's Alfred Hitchcock themes, Carl Stalling's music for Daffy Duck cartoons, he whistled "Whistle While You Work." Just about everybody he knew considered all of this a total waste of time. He watched Ed Sullivan listened to The Fireside Theater on the radio, and to records by Captain Beefheart, The Byrds and Led Zeppelin. It's endless. Orson Wells had a radio show around midnight. Around 2 he'd be listening to Ornette Coleman.

At the age of 18 (he's 37 now), he began his career in show business as a gofer for TV producers. Driving a taxicab at night, he produced Leon Redbone's version of "Shine On Harvest Moon" and several times for Rashan Roland Kirk (Gofering and cab-driving are about his only normal career moves.) In 1980, he landed a job as music coordinator on "Saturday Night Live," selecting prerecorded musical tid-bits for comedy sketch backgrounds. All

of a sudden, the "wasted" youth surned into prime-time inventory. Without knowing it, he had spent his life preparing for this job. The show is still running, he's still coordinating. In addition to compiling, his discography of individual productions includes Marianne Faithfull's "Strange Weather," "Dead City Radio" by William Burroughs, a multiple CD box holled down

from 1,000 hours of Lenny Bruce's private tapes, "The Carl Stalling Project," a four-CD Allen Ginsberg box and "Another Hand" for David Sanborn. "Hal's got this great network in his mind, with all sorts of odd connections," Sanborn says. "He'll find a seemingly safe situation and then throw a land mine into it to make it interesting. He's a pretty twisted guy. Hal's secret is that he loves

the music more than he loves the job." Willner's love is not universally returned. Not all jazz buffs are pleased to hear readitions of Monk tunes by pop singers. His Kurt Weill compilar ceived a negative review in the Kurt Weili newsletter. Disney refused to sanction his Disney compilation under its corporate umbrella. But he also tends to attract in-

He felt at home as music producer for the Robert Altman film "Short Cuts." Altman, he says, works the way I want to work. He puts up a strong framework and then allows you to roam within it. That's what's so amazing about him. He creates a situation where artists are going to be able to do their best. He wants them to feel a certain way. He allows things to happen. What I have to offer is taste as opposed to technical know-how. Mainly, I guess, I just have this incredible inventory of uscless.

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

PEOPLE

Solemn Vienna Debut For 'Schindler's List'

The European opening of Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" in Vienna was much more than a film premiere. Many Holocaust surviwas were present, including Simon Wiesenthal, who introduced the film and proclaimed it a memorial to victims, with a reminder to fight neo-Nazism. The event Wednesday under the patronage of President Thomas Kiestil and Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, drew a crowd of 750 cultural and social headers, as well as Spielberg, who got a standing

Elizabeth Taylor, 61, will enter a hospital next month for hip repiacement surgery.

Kim Basinger, supine and stitch-less, is pictured in an anti-fur poster bearing the words "Beauty Is Not About Wearing Someone Else's Coat." The poster was un-veiled this week by the Washington-based People for the Ethica Treatment of Animals.

A publicist who admitted he had a fetish about the footwear of his former client, Maria Tramp, was found suity Wednesday of stealing her shoes, boots and underwear. Churck Jones, 52, faces a sentence of 18 months to 41/2 years in prison.

Viking Books has agreed to stop selling David Leavitt's novel "While England Steeps" in settlement of a lawsuit brought by the poet Sir Ste-phen Spender. Spender's suit stated that the novel about a love affair between two men in the 1930s, too closely resembled Spender's memoir "World Within World" and was objectionably salacious.

Diane Sawyer will remain with ABC. So says ABC news president Roone Arledge, ending a month of intensive bidding for her services by all four major U.S. networks. De-tails of Sawyer's new deal were not spelled out but the speculation is that the has doubled her current salary of about \$3 million a year.

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